

## Flats and Houses

### Renting a flat

1 Put each of the following words or phrases in its correct position in the passage below.

**deposit**      **fee**      **flat**      **advertisements**      **accommodation agency**  
**landlord**      **rent**      **block**      **self-contained**      **references**

The first thing I had to do in Belfast was find somewhere to live, if possible a small, one-bedroomed (a) \_\_\_\_\_. I didn't want to share a kitchen or toilet; I wanted to be independent in my own (b) \_\_\_\_\_ place. I decided I could pay a (c) \_\_\_\_\_ of £50 a week. I couldn't find what I wanted in the newspaper (d) \_\_\_\_\_ so I went to an (e) \_\_\_\_\_. They offered me a nice place. It was in a modern (f) \_\_\_\_\_ on the third floor. I had to pay the agency a (g) \_\_\_\_\_, and the (h) \_\_\_\_\_ wanted a big (i) \_\_\_\_\_ and (j) \_\_\_\_\_ from my employer and bank manager.

### Buying a house

2 Instructions as above.

**condition**      **detached**      **removals**      **cramped**      **semi-detached**      **builder**  
**spacious**      **surveyor**      **architect**      **terraced**      **estate-agent**

Tony and Sheila's first home was a (a) \_\_\_\_\_ house, one of a line of houses all connected. But several years later when they had a small child, they found it rather (b) \_\_\_\_\_ for three people. They wanted something more (c) \_\_\_\_\_ and so decided to move. They went to an (d) \_\_\_\_\_ and looked at details of the houses he had to offer. They looked at a (e) \_\_\_\_\_ house (one of a pair attached to each other), liked it, and asked a (f) \_\_\_\_\_ to inspect it for them. He said that it was in good (g) \_\_\_\_\_, and they therefore decided to buy it. Luckily they sold their house quickly and soon a (h) \_\_\_\_\_ firm was taking all their furniture and other possessions to their new home. But already, after a couple of years, they are hoping to move again. Tony's business is doing well and they want to get an (i) \_\_\_\_\_ to design a modern, (j) \_\_\_\_\_ house for them, and a (k) \_\_\_\_\_ to build it.

3 Explain the difference between ...

- (a) a landlord and a tenant
- (b) a house and a bungalow
- (c) ground floor and first floor

4 Put one of the following words in each space in the sentences below.

**for**      **at**      **in**      **on**      **of**      **into**      **with**

- (a) She wanted a place \_\_\_\_\_ her own.
- (b) He'll move \_\_\_\_\_ tomorrow.
- (c) He'll move \_\_\_\_\_ his new flat tomorrow.
- (d) I share the kitchen \_\_\_\_\_ three other people.
- (e) The landlord asked the tenant \_\_\_\_\_ more rent.
- (f) My flat is \_\_\_\_\_ the top floor.
- (g) My flat is \_\_\_\_\_ a modern block.
- (h) The house is \_\_\_\_\_ good condition.
- (i) I looked \_\_\_\_\_ advertisements \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper.
- (j) She pays a rent \_\_\_\_\_ £90 a week.