

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.

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- (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.