

Understanding Rental Property Classified Ads

Program Name

Middletown ABLE

Staff Responsible for Lesson

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Technology	Study / Life skills	EL-Civics	Career Pathways	Police	Paramedic	Fire Rescue	Medical Asst.	EKG / Cardio	Phlebotomy	Practical Nursing	Healthcare	Admin	Pharmacy Tech	IMT	AMT	HVAC	Welding	Other:	
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Date(s) Used				4-5-11															
Civics Category				I. Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship															
Civics Objective				1. Consumer Economics – Housing Describe methods and procedures to obtain housing and related services including low-cost community housing.															
Time Frame to Complete Lesson				45 minutes															
EFL(s)				4															
Standard(s)/Components of Performance				Read with Understanding Convey Ideas in Writing															
Benchmark(s)				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.4.1. Comprehend information in common forms and simple paragraphs (e.g. simple job application, classifieds, phone book). • R.4.2. Use strategies to understand text (e.g. use a basic ESOL dictionary or bilingual dictionary, apply context clues). • R.4.3. Use strategies to monitor comprehension of simple paragraphs on familiar topics (e.g. restate, copy and rephrase text, use context). • R.4.4. See clarification by asking and answering questions. • R.4.6. Complete a task (e.g. follow two-step to three-step directions). • W.4.2. Organize simple sentences with a beginning, middle, and end. • W.3.5. Use conventions of spelling and punctuation (e.g. commas in a list, end punctuation, common spelling patterns). 															
Materials				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Abbreviations for Rental Property Advertisements</i> worksheet • Dictionary • Local newspaper and/or computer website with classified ads • Pencils or pens 															

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<p>Activities</p>	<p>Step 1 – Survey students to find out how many own vs rent their residences. Discuss where they live – house, apartment, condo, townhouse. Discuss what they like about it and what they would like to change.</p> <p>Step 2 – Explain that today’s lesson will help them find local properties for rent that meet their needs. Distribute the <i>Abbreviations for Rental Property Advertisements</i> worksheet.</p> <p>Step 3 – Explain that abbreviations are often used in classified advertisements because space is limited and larger ads are more expensive. Students read the abbreviations and meanings listed on the worksheet. If they do not understand the meanings, they may use a dictionary or ask the teacher for help. Modified definitions or translations can be written in the blank lines as needed.</p> <p>Step 4 – Using the abbreviations guide, students look at the sample classified ads on the back of the worksheet. They write an explanation of each ad using sentences rather than abbreviations. Then, they complete the rest of the worksheet (preferences, etc).</p> <p>Step 5 – After each student has finished the worksheet, discuss the sample ads, answer questions, and ask students their preferences.</p> <p>Step 6 – Students use local newspapers or websites to find rental properties available in their area. If they are looking for a new place to live, they may consult with the teacher about appealing advertisements, clarifying any abbreviations or identifying contact information or residency requirements.</p>
<p>Assessment/ Evidence</p>	<p>Students will be able to correctly “translate” the classified advertisements from abbreviations to complete sentences.</p> <p>Class discussion.</p>
<p>Reflection</p>	<p>The students were very interested in this lesson. They asked a lot of questions such as what appliances include (microwave?), what a washer/dryer hook-up is, what utilities are, and who can serve as a reference. Three students were very interested when we looked at properties available because they are hoping to move during the summer.</p>

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BA or bath	bathroom	_____
kit	kitchen	_____
LR	living room	_____
DR	dining room	_____
bsmt	basement	_____
gar.	garage	_____
HW flrs	hardwood floors	_____
cpt	carpet	_____
off st prkg	off street parking	_____
avl or avail	available	_____
Dep reqd	deposit required	_____
Util	utilities	_____
cbl incl	cable TV included	_____
ht pd	heat paid	_____
elec incl	electricity included	_____
AC	air conditioning	_____
fplc	fireplace	_____
Appl	appliances	_____
D/W	dishwasher	_____
frig.	refrigerator	_____
W/D	washer/dryer	_____
priv ent	private entrance	_____
nr	near	_____
mod	modern	_____
effcy	efficiency apartment	_____
gd loc	good location	_____
\$675/mo	cost is \$675 per month	_____
ref	references	_____
unfurn	unfurnished	_____
furn	furnished	_____

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3BR, 1bath, single family house for rent. \$700/mo + util. HW floors. W/D hookups. AC, elec heat. No Pets. Avail July. Call 555-0101.	Cute house for rent. \$8500/mo. 12-mo lease. 2BR, 1BA, AC, W/D and appl, bsmnt, gar, fenced yd. Small pets welcome. Call 513-1234.
Unfurn 2 BR APT. AC, DW, balcony, pkg. nr shopping and pub trans. \$450/mo. Call 513-5235	Furn apt avail immediately. 2 BR, 2 BA, kit, DW, lg LR, W/D, AC, gas heat, pkg, \$750/mo + util. Ref reqd. Call 987-6543.

1. Write descriptions for each of the listed properties using complete sentences.

2. Which property appeals most to you? Why?

3. What questions would you ask about the property before deciding to rent it?