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## Apartments

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/a/apartments.html>

In the USA, they're called apartments; in the UK they're called flats. They are a modern invention. I don't particularly like them. I don't think it's good for so many people to live so close together. It's not good for people to live on top of each other. I don't understand how people can live above the second floor. It's not natural to live in the sky. The thing I hate most about apartments are the lifts (Americans say elevator) and the fact there's no garden. More and more people are moving into apartments. This creates problems with overcrowding. There aren't enough spaces to park your car, there's nowhere to throw your rubbish and you have to wait ages to reach your floor. Give me a little house with a little garden any day.

## LISTENING GAP FILL

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_

# STUDENT APARTMENTS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about apartments in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about apartments. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about apartments. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. APARTMENTS POSTER** Make a poster about apartments. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY APARTMENTS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on apartments. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on apartments. Share your findings with the class.

