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first stage

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I'm phoning about the house

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In this unit provide the students with more information about the house, or let them know what specific information and some common details people inquire about when discussing a house such as the location, the address of the house, size of the house, the number of bedrooms, bathroom and any additional rooms or features such as garage, and asking about the price of the house.

In this unit the student find a lot of advertisements such as pictures and the conversation between Susan and her a landlord that phoning about the information and description of each house.

We find some common abbreviations which are used in newspaper advertisements such as:

brm/bed = bedroom f/f = fully furnished

pw = per week inc = including

apt = apartment n/s = non smoker

min = minimum tel/ph = telephone

Did you Know?

People say "flat" in the United Kingdom and "apartment" in the U.S.A. "unit" is used in New Zealand and Australia. This is a small house attached to one or more similar houses.

Ask more polite questions to find out information

The rule

I was just wondering + question word + subject + verb

Q/ change the questions below so they are more polite? (How far is it?)

- I was just wondering how it is .

Q/ change the questions below so they are more polite? (How much is it?)

I was just wondering how much it is.

Q/ change the questions below so they are more polite? (How many bedrooms are there?)

I was just wondering how many bedrooms there are.

Q/ change the questions below so they are more polite? (when can I move in?)

I was just wondering when I can move in .

Q/ change the questions below so they are more polite? (what size are they?) I was just wondering what size they are .

*When you talk to someone you don't know very well (you should ask more polite)
Describe a problem in the house and suggest a solution
A few weeks later the conversation between Susan and her a landlord that phoning about the Susan's problem in her flat .
The landlord ask Susan some questions such as what is the problem , when did the problem start , has Susan tried to fix the problem , and when the landlord visit Susan's flat ?
Here are some problems in the house and should give the solutions
-I 've lost my key and I can't get inside (get a new one made)
-The shower 's broken so I can't wash (send a plumber)
-The lights aren't working so I can't see (send an electrician)
-There's a hole in the roof and the rain's coming in (send to builder)

Q/ The computer 's broken .(suggest a solution)
Please get someone to fix it .

 $Q\!/$ the oven isn't working .(suggest a solution)

Please get an electrician.

 $\ensuremath{Q}\xspace$ The window's broken .(suggest a solution)

Please send someone to fix it.