



# “Ana Finds an Apartment”

Reading Comprehension – Short Stories<sup>(7)</sup>

Directions: Read the passage. Then answer questions about the passage below.

Ana, her husband Mario, and their four year old son Antonio just moved to North Carolina. They need a temporary place to call “home” until they get settled into their new surroundings. So, Ana figured that she had better start looking for an apartment for them to stay in.

First Ana picked up an Apartment Book at her local newspaper stand. The Apartment Book contained listings of all the major apartment complexes in her area.

Ana started by looking at the prices in the advertisements for apartments in the Apartment Book. Then, she read about the **amenities** that each apartment complex offered. For example, some apartments had a clubhouse, a gym (also called a “fitness center”), and a pool. After **considering** prices, amenities, and locations, Ana found a few apartment complexes that she liked.

Ana called the apartment complexes. She set up appointments with the apartment managers to see the apartments she found interesting. Ana made five phone calls, total. “I’ll see you then,” she said to the fifth apartment manager, and hung up the phone.

When Mario got home (to the hotel in which they were staying) from work, Ana showed him the list of apartments. “These look good,” he said.

“Mommy, let me see,” said Antonio, whom Mario had just brought home from childcare. Ana showed Antonio the pictures of the apartments.

The next day, while Mario was at work and Antonio was at childcare, Ana visited the apartment complexes. After visiting all five, she found that she liked the fifth one the best. It was near a good school system for her son, and it was near her and her husband’s workplace. She went home and **discussed** it with her husband, and they decided that they wanted to rent the apartment. The next day, they called the manager of the apartment complex and told him that they would like the apartment.

The manager asked them to sign a **lease** and pay a security deposit so that if any damage was done to the apartment while they were in it, the security deposit would pay for it. They signed the lease and paid the **security deposit**.

Finally, they had a place to stay.

## Questions:

## Vocabulary:

<p>1) What type of book did Ana pick up near her local newspaper stand?</p> <p>A. An almanac B. A dictionary C. An encyclopedia D. An Apartment Book</p>
<p>2) What did Ana consider while looking through the Apartment Book?</p> <p>A. prices B. amenities C. locations D. all of the above</p>
<p>3) Where is Ana’s family staying?</p> <p>A. In a house B. In a trailer C. In a hotel D. None of the above</p>
<p>4) Which of the five apartment complexes did Ana like?</p> <p>A. The first B. The third C. The fifth D. The sixth</p>
<p>5) Why did Ana like the apartment she selected?</p> <p>A. Price B. Amenities C. Location D. None of the above</p>

<p>1) Which of the following is <i>not</i> an <b>amenity</b>?</p> <p>A. Clubhouse B. Fitness center C. Pool D. High ceilings</p>
<p>2) When you <b>consider</b> something, you...</p> <p>A. Think about it. B. Forget about it. C. Buy it. D. Sell it.</p>
<p>3) When you <b>discuss</b> something, you...</p> <p>A. Don’t talk about it. B. Talk about it. C. Write about it. D. None of the above.</p>
<p>4) A <b>lease</b> is...</p> <p>A. a contract to purchase property. B. a contract to temporarily possess property. C. A and B. D. none of the above.</p>
<p>5) A <b>security deposit</b> ensures that...</p> <p>A. a tenant will pay the rent on time. B. a tenant will not have pets on the property. C. any damage done to the apartment will be paid for by the tenant. D. any damage done to the apartment is kept to a minimum.</p>