

## Lesson 35: At a Real Estate Agency

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### 1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Asuka: I'll be staying in San Diego for only six months. Is it possible to rent a flat for only half a year?

Jenifer, the real estate agent: Of course, you can. How many rooms would you need?

Asuka: It's just me so a one-bedroom unit is enough. It has to be furnished, though.

Jenifer: What about a studio?

Asuka: I **prefer** to live in a house with separate rooms **rather than** a studio.

Jenifer: (looking at her computer) There's a furnished apartment nearby that you might like. It's just walking distance from here.

Asuka: Wonderful. When can I see it?

Jenifer: We can go right now. We can also check out another flat just around the corner.

### 2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. Jack **prefers** to study in Hiroshima **rather than** move to Tokyo.
2. I **prefer** to go on a trip with family **rather than** friends.
3. My mother **prefers** to cook all day **rather than** to sit in front of the computer.

\* prefer A rather than B / Bよりも、むしろAを好む

### 3. Your Task

A real estate agent has taken you to inspect a house. You'd like to get some important facts about it. You want to know where the nearest school is, if it's near a train station and a supermarket, and if it's a safe neighborhood. Ask your agent (=your tutor) everything you want to know about the house.

### 4. Let's Talk

Have you ever gone house hunting? If yes, tell your teacher about it. Tell your tutor about the house you grew up in.

What are your best memories in that house?

### 5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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