

Lesson 78: Housing

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1. Dialogue

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

Larry: How can you afford to live in this apartment? The rent's way too high.

Koichi: I **split the rent** with Jack, my housemate. The problem is, he's moving back to his hometown next week.

Larry: That means you'll have to shell out \$1000 every month.

Koichi: With my meager salary, I'll have to move to a cheaper and much smaller place. Unless I find a new housemate, I can't stay here. Would you consider moving in with me?

Larry: Thanks for the offer but I'm quite comfortable in my house.

Koichi: Are you kidding me? It's so stuffy in your room. It's like an oven in there.

Larry: Do you think so? It's rather cozy for me.

Koichi: I always open the windows to get some ventilation whenever I'm in your room.

Larry: Say what you want to say about my living quarters. I will keep staying in my house.

Koichi: That's because you don't have to pay for rent. You have to move out of your parents' house sometime. You're 28 years old!

2. Today's Phrase

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

1. (In a restaurant) A: I'll pay for lunch. B: You don't have to do that. Let's **split the bill**.

2. Would you like to **split a sandwich** with me? I can't finish all of it.

3. Jack and I **split all the house bills** in the apartment.

* split (the bill, the rent, the expense) / (勘定、家賃、経費)を半々にする、折半する

3. Your Task

You have many complaints about your apartment. Your air conditioning hasn't worked in a week, the hot shower is too cold and your neighbor's dog stinks up the hallway. Tell the landlord (=your tutor) about all these and more.

4. Let's Talk

When you have a problem with the house fixtures and plumbing, do you call someone to repair them? Explain your answer.

Should men know how to fix things in the house or do you think women should know how to repair stuff too? Why do you say so?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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