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Renting

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

I'm not allowed to sublet to anyone else.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I'm not supposed to sublet to anyone else.- I'm not permitted to sublet to anyone else.- No subletting.	
That's pretty standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- That's fairly common.- That's rather normal.- That's the norm.	

Key vocabulary

lease	finalize	post	moving date
up front	utilities	look out for	sublet

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

Renting has its pros and cons. While it can relieve **tenants** from the burden of maintaining the property, it can also bind them to the rules and regulations in their **lease agreement**.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
I'm not allowed to sublet to anyone else.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What are the advantages and disadvantages of subletting?
That's pretty standard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For you, what is the ideal house/apartment to rent?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Mami: I need a bit of advice. I found an apartment I want to rent and it's my first time. What things should I look out for?

Duke: Congratulations! Have you finalized the rental price yet and moving date?

Mami: Yes, I'll start my lease on August 1st.

Duke: Do you happen to know whether you'll have to post a security deposit as well as first and last month's rent? In some cases, that would be thousands of dollars up front.

Mami: Oh my! I didn't realize it would be that much.

Duke: You'll get back your security deposit, as long as there's no major damage to the apartment.

Mami: Are there any other expenses I'll have to pay?

Duke: Yes. Usually, you'll have to pay the utilities such as electric, water, and gas. You'll also have to buy home owner's insurance.

Mami: Thanks, I'll have to start saving more.

Duke: How long is your lease expected to be?

Mami: It's a two-year lease and I'm not allowed to sublet to anyone else.

Duke: That's pretty standard. Good luck and let me know if you need any help. Except moving heavy furniture!

Q & A!



- Compare renting vs buying a house.
- Why are lease agreements important?
- What makes a good landlord? What makes a bad landlord?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Renting a place

Directions: What are important things to consider when choosing a place to rent? Choose three and explain your answers.

Things to consider before Renting

- rental fee
- neighborhood
- parking
- floor plan
- proximity to workplace, supermarket, hospital, etc.
- age of the house
- friendly landlord



B. Let's Talk!

Directions: What would you do in the following situations?
Express yourself.

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1. After a week of renting a house, the shower suddenly stops working, plumbing issues start to surface and insects start crawling in the living room.
2. You are new to the neighborhood as you just started renting the apartment two weeks ago. A neighbor drops by to say hello and asks if he can come by and hang out with you to watch the televised baseball finals the following Saturday.
3. You have just rented a newly-built house. It is still bare and the landlord says, "Do whatever you like".

C. Role-Play

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Help your friend look for a house to rent.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.

