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ENGLISH UNLOCKED

Home Problems Unit

Literacy activities to help adults master reading and writing.

Home Problems

TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS IN YOUR HOME.

We will learn to ask questions. We will learn to answer questions.



Do you have problems in your house or apartment?

Yes, I have problems in my home.



No, I don't have any problems.

New Words

**WE WILL LEARN
NEW WORDS
AND SENTENCES
ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN A
HOME.**



The hot water is not working.



The heat is not working.



The air conditioner is not working.



The smoke alarm is not working.



The toilet is not working.

Grammar Patterns

WE WILL WRITE SENTENCES AND LEARN TO TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS IN YOUR HOME.



What's the problem?

The air conditioner is not working.



Practice:

1. The _____ is not working.
2. The _____ is not working.
3. The _____ is not working.
4. The _____ is not working.
5. The _____ is not working.
6. The _____ is not working.
7. _____
8. _____

Conversation

**WE WILL
LEARN HOW TO
TALK ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN
YOUR HOME.**



Hello?



Hello. What's the problem?



Yes, I can do it tomorrow.

Hi. My name is _____ .



My heat is not working. Can you fix it?



Thank you.
Goodbye.



Vocabulary:

hot water
air conditioner
smoke alarm
toilet

My Information

**WE WILL LEARN
HOW TO TELL
SOMEONE
YOUR CONTACT
INFORMATION.**

My name is _____

I live at _____

My phone number is _____

I WILL REPEAT.

My name is _____

I live at _____

My phone number is _____

Letter Sounds and Words

**WE WILL LEARN
TO READ AND
SPELL NEW
WORDS.**

Write the missing letter	Syllables	Copy and say the word
1. ___ ater		
2. ___ orking		
3. ___ eat		
4. ___ moke		
5. air ___ onditioner		
6. ___ ot		
7. alar ___		
8. toile ___		
9. ho ___		
10. proble ___		

Get Ready to Read

**WE WILL
LEARN NEW
WORDS. WE
WILL PRACTICE
ASKING
QUESTIONS
ABOUT WORDS.**



Look at the pictures.

- What do you see?
- Do you have an alarm in your home?
- What sound does it make?

QUESTION: What does **noise** mean?

ANSWER: A sound you can hear with your ears.

QUESTION: What does **beep** mean?

ANSWER: The sound a smoke alarm makes.

QUESTION: What does **smoke alarm** mean?

ANSWER: A machine that beeps when there is smoke.

Read for Meaning

**WE WILL LEARN
TO BE GOOD
READERS. WE
WILL TRY TO
MAKE A PICTURE
OF THE STORY.**

I Can't Sleep

Mark lives in an apartment. He has a daughter. Her name is Margo.

Mark and Margo are sleeping. They hear a loud noise. BEEP, BEEP, BEEP. It is dark in the bedroom. Mark can't see. He turns on the light. Now it is quiet.

Mark and Margo go back to sleep. The noise starts again. BEEP, BEEP, BEEP. Mark turns on the light. He sees the smoke alarm. It is beeping! But there is no smoke. There is no fire. Mark doesn't understand. What's the matter?

All night the smoke alarm beeps. It starts, and it stops. It is hard to sleep. In the morning, Margo is very tired. Mark calls the apartment manager.

"I have a problem," Mark says.

"What's the matter?" asks the manager.

"My smoke alarm is broken. It is beeping, but there is no fire," Mark says.

"It needs a new battery," says the manager. "I can come tomorrow."

"It is hard to sleep," says Mark. "Please come today!"

QUESTION: What does _____ mean?

Read for Details & Main Idea

**WE WILL
LOOK FOR
INFORMATION
IN THE TEXT.**

Write "YES" or "NO."

1. Is there a fire in the apartment? _____
2. Is it difficult for Margo to sleep? _____
3. Is Margo Mark's son? _____
4. Is the smoke alarm beeping? _____
5. Will the manager bring a battery? _____

Write the answers.

1. What is the problem? _____

Circle one answer.

- a. This story is about **a fire**.
- b. This story is about **a broken smoke alarm**.
- c. This story is about **the apartment manager**.

Reading Test Practice

**WE WILL
PRACTICE TEST
QUESTIONS.
WE WILL
TALK ABOUT
BUILDING
SCHEDULES.**

Wild Wood Apartments

OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

SATURDAY 10:30 am - 3:00 pm

SUNDAY 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

1. What time does the office close on Tuesday?

- A. 9:00 am
- B. 5:00 pm
- C. 3:00 pm
- D. 4:00 pm

2. When can you talk to someone in the office?

- A. At 7:00 pm on Saturday
- B. At 8:00 am on Friday
- C. At 10:00 am on Sunday
- D. 11:00 am on Monday

1. _____

2. _____

Question Words

WE WILL LEARN QUESTION WORDS FOR TIME AND PLACE.

apartment	bathroom	today
tomorrow	house	Monday
morning	Dale Street	Dec. 12
11:00	bedroom	kitchen

Where?

Where = place

When?

When = time, day, date

New Words

**WE WILL LEARN
NEW WORDS
AND SENTENCES
ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN A
HOME.**



There are mice.



There are
cockroaches.



There are
bed bugs.



What's the matter?

There are _____
in my apartment.



Spell New Words

**WE WILL LEARN
TO WRITE NEW
WORDS FOR
PROBLEMS IN
THE HOME.**

1. mice



2. cockroaches



3. bed bugs



4. air conditioner



5. smoke alarm



Conversation

**WE WILL
LEARN HOW TO
TALK ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN
YOUR HOME.**



Hello?



What do you need?



Yes, I can do it tomorrow.

Hi. My name is _____.



My smoke alarm is not working. Can you fix it?



Thank you.
Goodbye.



Vocabulary:

heat
hot water
air conditioner
smoke alarm
toilet

Letter Sounds and Words

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Write the missing letter	Syllables	Copy and say the word
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2. ___ ire _____		
3. ___ ice _____		
4. ___ anager _____		
5. ___ eed _____		
6. ge ___ ri ___ _____		
7. alar ___ _____		
8. toile ___ _____		
9. slee ___ _____		
10. apartmen ___ _____		

Conversation

**WE WILL
LEARN HOW TO
TALK ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN
YOUR HOME.**



Hello?



What do you need?



I think I can come on Saturday.

Hi. This is _____.



There are mice in my apartment. Can you get rid of them?



On Saturday? Okay. Thank you.



Vocabulary:

cockroaches
bed bugs

Read for Details

**WE WILL READ
AND ANSWER
QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE
STORY.**

Who = about a **person**

1. **Who** is Mark's daughter? _____
2. **Who** does Mark call? _____
3. **Who** hears the beep? _____

Where = about a **place**

4. **Where** does Mark live? _____
5. **Where** do they sleep? _____

When = about a **time** or **date**

6. **When** does the manager want to come? _____

7. **When** does Mark want the manager to come? _____

Leave a Message

**WE WILL LEARN
TO LEAVE A
MESSAGE
ABOUT A
HOUSING
PROBLEM.**

My name is _____

I live at _____

My phone number is _____

I have a problem. _____

When can you fix this? Please call me. Again, my phone
number is _____

Reading Test Practice

WE WILL PRACTICE TEST QUESTIONS. WE WILL READ AND TALK ABOUT HOUSING PROBLEMS.

Silvia and George live in an apartment in Queens, New York. They like their apartment a lot because it has big windows. But it also has some problems. The stairs are broken and the neighbors are noisy. If the property manager can't fix these problems, they might find a different apartment.

1. Why do they like the apartment?

- A. It's in Queens, NY.
- B. It has big windows.
- C. The stairs are broken.
- D. The neighbors are noisy.

2. What's the problem?

- A. The apartment is small.
- B. The sink is broken.
- C. The toilet is leaking.
- D. The stairs are broken.

1. _____

2. _____

Question Words

WE WILL LEARN QUESTION WORDS FOR PEOPLE AND THINGS.

George	landlord	stairs
windows	toilet	alarm
neighbors	mice	Silvia
water	daughter	manager

Who?

Who = person

What?

What = thing

New Words

**WE WILL LEARN
NEW WORDS
AND SENTENCES
ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN A
HOME.**



The window is broken.



The ceiling is leaking.



The carpet is stained.



The paint is peeling.

Grammar Patterns

**WE WILL
LEARN HOW TO
TALK ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN
OUR HOME.**



The _____
is broken.



The _____
is broken.



The _____
is broken.



What's the problem?

The _____
is broken.



Grammar Patterns

**WE WILL
LEARN HOW TO
TALK ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN
OUR HOME.**



bathtub



sink



toilet



shower



refrigerator



air conditioner



What's the matter?

The bathtub is
leaking.



Conversation

**WE WILL
LEARN HOW TO
TALK ABOUT
PROBLEMS IN
YOUR HOME.**



Good morning.



How can I help you?



I can come over on
Friday.

Hello. This is

_____.



The ceiling is leaking
in the kitchen. When
can you fix it?



Friday? Okay.
Thanks.



Vocabulary:

sink	key
shower	light
refrigerator	furnace
air conditioner	leaking

Read for Details

**WE WILL
READ TO FIND
INFORMATION.
WE WILL
ANSWER
QUESTIONS
THAT START
WITH "WHY."**

We use _____ to ask questions about reasons.

1. Why do Mark and Margo wake up?

2. Why is the smoke alarm beeping?

3. Why is Margo tired in the morning?

4. Why does Mark want the apartment manager to come today?

Now You Write

**WE WILL
PRACTICE
REMEMBERING
AND WRITING
THE SENTENCES
WE LEARNED.**









Property Management Letter

**WE WILL LEARN
TO READ AND
UNDERSTAND
A LETTER FROM
THE APARTMENT
MANAGER.**

NOTICE

We will spray your apartment for cockroaches.

We will come on **10/16** between **1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Before we spray...

- 1: Remove all food and dishes from the cupboards.
- 2: Empty all the drawers.
- 3: Put everything on a table.
- 4: Cover all food and dishes with a tablecloth or sheet.

While we spray...

- Leave the apartment.
- Take all animals out of the apartment.

After we spray...

- Stay out of the apartment for 3-4 hours.
- Wash the cupboards and drawers.

THANK YOU

Lah Paw

APARTMENT MANAGER

Read for Details

**WE WILL
LEARN TO READ
FOR SPECIFIC
INFORMATION.**

Circle the *wh*- question words.

1. Why do they need to spray?

2. What time will they spray?

3. What date will they spray?

4. Who sent this notice?

5. What do renters need to take out of the cupboards?

6. Why do you think people and animals need to leave when they spray?

7. The notice says you can cover the table with a sheet. Where do you usually put a sheet?

BEFORE	WHILE	AFTER

Letter Sounds and Words

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SPELL NEW
WORDS.**

Write the missing letter	Syllables	Copy and say the word
1. ___ otice _____		
2. ___ ime _____		
3. ___ able _____		
4. ___ rawer _____		
5. ___ ake _____		
6. ou ___ _____		
7. anima ___ _____		
8. foo ___ _____		
9. fi ___ _____		
10. bathtu ___ _____		

Leave a Message

**WE WILL LEARN
TO LEAVE A
MESSAGE
ABOUT A
HOUSING
PROBLEM.**

My name is _____

I live at _____

My phone number is _____

I have a problem. _____

When can you fix this? Please call me. Again, my phone
number is _____

Thank you.

Put It Together

WE WILL PRACTICE THE NEW WORDS BY SPEAKING, LISTENING AND WRITING.

Renter's Name	Renter's Problem	When will they fix it?

I Am Learning

WE WILL THINK ABOUT WHAT WE LEARNED AND WHAT WE WANT TO PRACTICE MORE.

1. Can you talk about many home problems in English?	Yes, I can.	I need more practice.
2. Can you speak in complete sentences ?	Yes, I can.	I need more practice.
3. Can you write about housing problems in English ?	Yes, I can.	I need more practice.
4. Can you say your name, address and phone number clearly?	Yes, I can.	I need more practice.
5. Can you leave a phone message about a problem?	Yes, I can.	I need more practice.