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.

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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.**

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Grammar Patterns

What’s the problem?

The air conditioner is not working.

Practice:

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7. ________________________________
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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

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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

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

Reading Test Practice

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
Question Words

WE WILL LEARN QUESTION WORDS FOR TIME AND PLACE.

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

Hello?

What do you need?

Hi. My name is ___________.

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

Yes, I can do it tomorrow.

Thank you. Goodbye.

Vocabulary:

heat
hot water
air conditioner
smoke alarm
toilet
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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

**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? _____
      __________________________________________________________________________

We will read and answer questions about the story.
Leave a Message

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

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.
# Question Words

**WE WILL LEARN QUESTION WORDS FOR PEOPLE AND THINGS.**

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## 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.

What’s the problem?

The __________ is broken.

The __________ is broken.

The __________ is broken.
Grammar Patterns

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

What’s the matter?

The bathtub is leaking.
WE WILL LEARN HOW TO TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS IN YOUR HOME.

Conversation

Good morning.

Hello. This is ____________.

How can I help you?

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

I can come over on Friday.

Friday? Okay. Thanks.

Vocabulary:

| sink     | key  |
| shower   | light|
| refrigerator | furnace |
| air conditioner | leaking |
Read for Details

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.

[Blank lines for writing]
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

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 |
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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.

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I Am Learning

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