

### Conversation: I need to rent an apartment

1. Hi \_\_\_\_\_, how's it going?
  2. Hi \_\_\_\_\_, not bad. How are things with you?
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1. Pretty good. I have to find a new apartment, however.
  2. Oh, I thought you were living with your friend Peter.
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1. I was, but he got a new job in Houston and he's moving there at the end of the month.
  2. Oh, don't you want to stay in that apartment?
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1. Maybe I could if I found a new roommate, but it's too expensive for just me.
  2. Oh, I hear you. The rents in Austin are crazy expensive. Do you want to get a one-bedroom or a two-bedroom apartment?
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1. I'd like to get a two-bedroom, but I think I'll only be able to afford a one-bedroom.
  2. Where do you work? I have a friend who's a realtor and she might be able to help you.
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1. That'd be awesome. I work at a restaurant in South Austin.
  2. Hmm, do you have a car?
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1. No, I need to be near a bus stop with good bus routes.
  2. Right, what are the things you are looking for in your apartment?

1. Well, it's got to be air-conditioned and have good internet.
2. Oh, I hear you. Summers in Austin are brutal and you have to stay "connected!" What else do you want in your apartment?
  1. Well, a pool would be nice as well as a laundry room. And of course, they need to allow pets.
  2. I didn't know you had a pet. What is it – a dog or a cat?
1. Actually, I don't have one yet, but I'm thinking about getting a dog. I'll need someone to keep me company.
2. Got it. I love dogs and there are so many that need to be adopted.
1. That reminds me. I'd also love to be near a park where I could walk and play with my dog.
2. Sounds like a good checklist. What's your budget?
  1. Well, I'd love to find something for \$1,000 or less, but I know that might be impossible.
  2. Yeah, good luck with that. The cheapest rates might be more like \$1200 or so.
1. Here's my e-mail address. Put me in touch with your realtor friend, please.
2. You bet! If she finds you an apartment, you can invite me over for dinner!