

OBJECTIVE 4: DESCRIBE METHODS AND PROCEDURES TO OBTAIN HOUSING AND RELATED SERVICES INCLUDING LOW COST COMMUNITY HOUSING

HOUSING LESSON 3

LEVEL: BEGINNING LOW – HIGH

Objectives: Recognize common abbreviations in rental advertisements
Interpret rental advertisements

ESLRS: Effective Communicator
Self Directed Learner

SCAN SKILLS: Locates, understands and interprets information
Participates in conversation and discussion
Participates as member of a team
Interprets and communicates information

When you are looking for a place to rent, you look at rental advertisements or ads. You can find these ads in the classified ad section of a newspaper, on the internet or on For Rent signs on buildings. Many of these ads use abbreviations to describe the unit for rent. In this lesson you will learn some common abbreviations to help you understand rental ads.

Study the list of common abbreviations below. Then complete the practice exercises that follow.

	Abbreviation	Meaning
1	Apt	Apartment
2	Avl	Available
3	a/c	Air conditioning
4	Apls/Appl	Appliances
5	Ba	Bathroom
6	Br/Bd	Bedroom
7	Cbl	Cable
8	Cpt	Carpet
9	Dw/DW	Dishwasher
10	Fpl/frpl	Fireplace
11	Furn	Furnished
12	Gar	Garage
13	Incl	Included
14	Lrg/Lge	Large
15	Mo	Month
16	Mw/MW	Microwave
17	Np	No pets
18	Nr	Near
19	Pd	Paid
20	Prkg/pkg	parking
21	Rm	Room
22	Sf or sp ft	Square feet
23	Twnhm	Townhome
24	Util/utls	Utilities
25	w/d	Washer/dryer
25	Yd	Yard

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Practice 1: Write the full word for the abbreviations listed below. The first one has been done for you.

1	Br	<i>Bedroom</i>
2	Mo	
3	Ba	
4	Util	
5	a/c	
6	Lrg	
7	Sf	
8	Incl	
9	Cpt	
10	Apls	
11	w/d	
12	Furn	
13	Np	
14	Yd	
15	Dw	

Practice 2: Work in pairs to read the 3 classified rental advertisements and answer the questions below.

AD #1	AD #2	AD #3
2BD 1.25BA. Deck, frpl, w/d, pkg included. Only \$750! 206-898-1731	2br twnhm, near Bell Sq, 1350sf, walk-in closet, fenced yd, w/d, frpl, Np, \$1075. 425-652-3300	2br/1½ba, upper, frpl, 1050 sf, new cpt, pkg, near bus. \$850. 206-464-3001

1. Which ad is for a townhome?

2. Which places have a fireplace?

3. How many bedrooms does AD# 3 have?

4. Which place has new carpeting?

5. What place has the lowest rent?

6. Which place has parking?

7. Which place has a yard?

8. Is the place in AD#3 on the ground floor?

9. Which place does not allow pets?

10. How big is the place in AD#2?

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Group Practice 3: Read the classified ads and complete the chart on the next page:

