

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

HOUSING LESSON 3

LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE-ADVANCED

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

Looking for a place to rent??? Where do you think you would find information about rental housing?

Circle yes or no in the list below to indicate if you would find the information at that source:

1. In the classified section of the newspaper	Yes	No
2. At a mall	Yes	No
3. Signs on buildings	Yes	No
4. At school	Yes	No
5. In the Pennysaver	Yes	No
6. On the internet	Yes	No
7. At a real estate office	Yes	No
8. At city hall	Yes	No

Understanding abbreviations in rental ads

Most advertisements (ads) use abbreviations to describe the unit for rent and provide relevant information. 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	4/2 or 2/1	number of bedrooms/number of bathrooms
2	a/c	air conditioning
3	Apls/Appl	appliances
4	avl	available
5	ba or bth or bthrm	bathroom
6	br or bd or bdrm	bedroom
7	bldg	building
8	bsmt	basement
9	c/a	central air conditioning
10	c/vac	central vacuum
11	cath ceil	cathedral ceiling
12	cbl	cable
13	cln	clean
14	condo	condominium
15	cpt	carpet
16	d/d	dishwasher/disposal
17	d/w or dw	dishwasher
18	det	detached
19	dr	dining room
20	eff	efficiency
21	exp	exposure
22	fp or fpl or frpl	fireplace
23	furn	furnished
24	ga or gar	garage
25	gdo	garage door opener
26	h/w or hdwd flr	hardwood floors
27	ht/hw	heat/hot water
28	incl	included
29	kit	kitchen
30	Indry	laundry
31	lr or lvrn	living room
32	Lrg/lg/lge	large

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33	lux	luxury or luxurious
34	mbr	master bedroom
35	mo	month
36	mod	modern
37	mw	microwave
38	negot	negotiable
39	Nr	near
40	NP/np	No pets
41	osp	off street parking
42	pd	paid
43	prkg	parking
44	pvt	private
45	sec	secure or security
46	sec dep	security deposit
47	sm	small
48	spac	spacious
49	sq ft or sf	square feet
50	stu	studio
51	stv	stove
52	terr	terrace
53	trans	transportation
54	townhse	town house
55	unfurn	unfurnished
56	util	utilities
57	w/	with
58	w/d or wd	washer/dryer
59	wic	walk-in closet
60	yd or yrd	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	Stu	
3	Gdo	
4	Util	
5	a/c	
6	negot	
7	Sf	
8	Incl	
9	Cpt	
10	Apls	
11	w/d	
12	Furn	
13	spac	
14	d/d	
15	eff	

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, prkg 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?

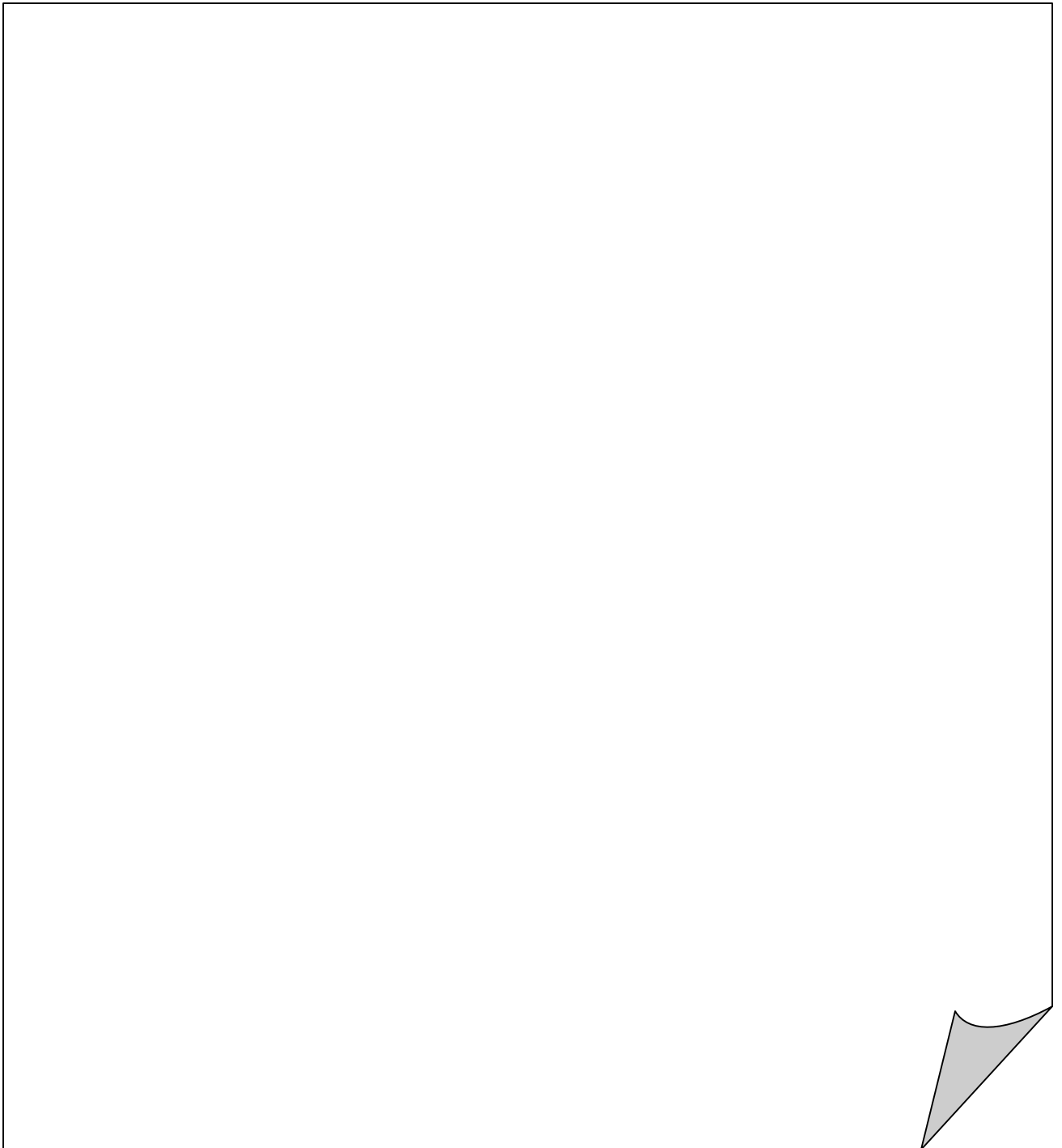
8. Is the place in AD#3 on the ground floor?

9. Which place does not allow pets?

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

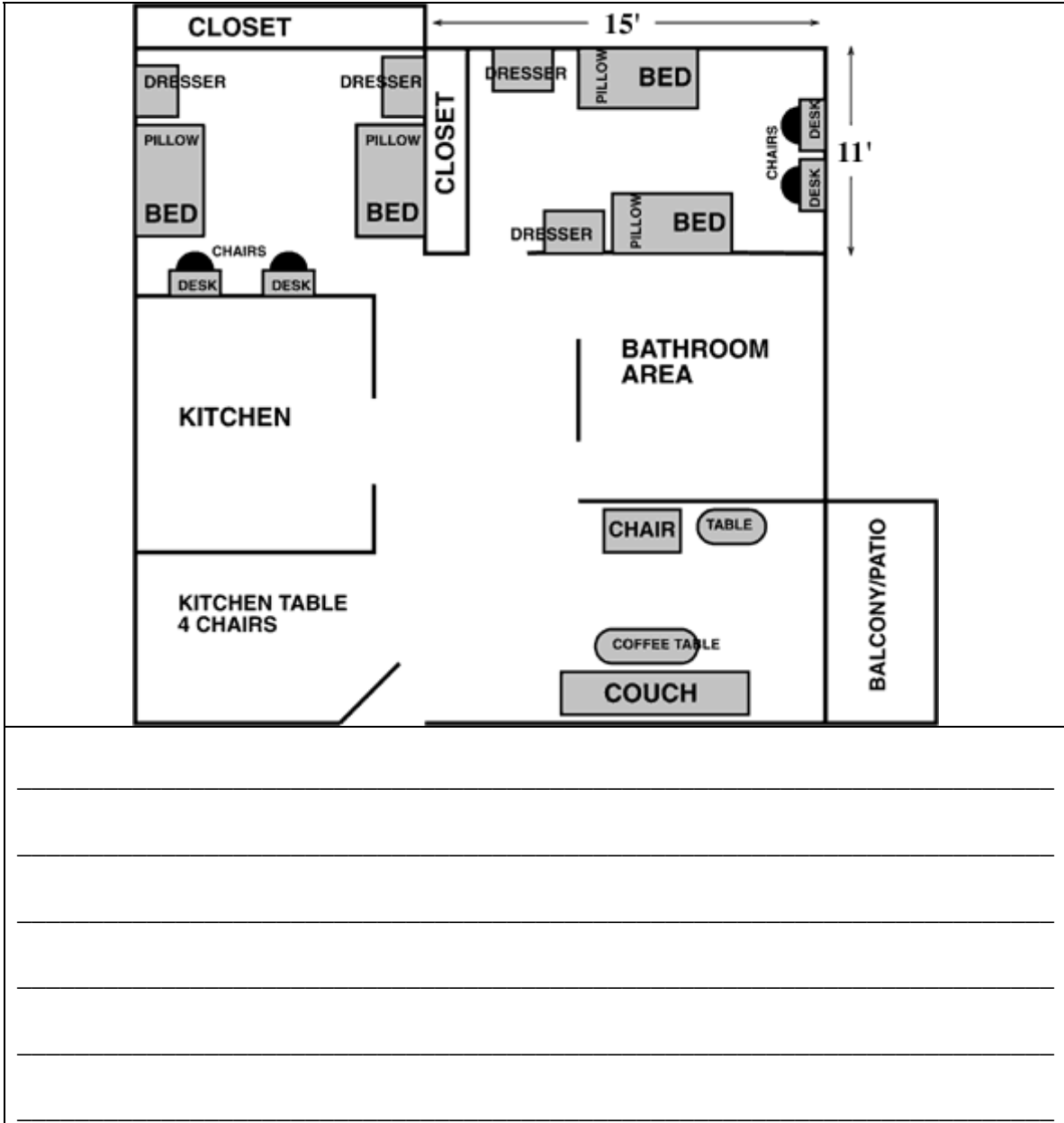
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Group Practice 3: Read the classified ads and complete the chart on the next page:



Practice 4: look at the floor plans below and write a classified ad for each one

Floor plan for an apartment



Floor plan for a town house

