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Jane is looking for a place to stay.

Rent a flat

Sometimes it is quite difficult to find a place to stay, especially if you are a student and don't have a lot of money.

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Jane wants to study at Oxford and needs a place to stay.

She phones an Estate Agent.

(The agent answers the phone.)

Agent

Global Estates. How can I help you?

Jane

Good morning. I'm looking for a flat in Oxford near the university.

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Agent

You're a student? Or...?

Jane

Yes, a student.

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Agent

You are aware that flats near the university are not only very expensive, but also very difficult to get hold of?

Jane

I know. That's why I contacted you. Your company has been highly recommended.

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Agent

Good to hear that.
Let me have a look on my computer.
Do you have a car or what transport do you want to make use of?

Jane

I actually wanted something within walking distance.

The agent chuckles.

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Agent

You really believe in miracles. Must it be a flat or will a room do?

Jane

It depends. How private will a room be?

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Agent I have a missis Mortimer. She lets rooms to students. Quite nice. And a common kitchen is included as well as laundry facilities.

Jane That sounds great. Are the rooms fully furnished?

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Agent Yes, they are. And the bedding is changed once a week. But you'll have to do your own cleaning.
It's about ten minutes from the university.

Jane Ok. When can I come to have a look? And what's the price?

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Agent As I said, they are not cheap.
Have a look first and then we'll talk about the costs.

Jane Ok. And when can I come?

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Agent Where are you phoning from? Are you in Oxford?

Jane No, I'm still in London.
What about some time tomorrow?

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Agent Tomorrow, say at ten?

Jane Yes, that will be fine.

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Agent Can I please have your details?
Your name, phone number; oh yes, your email address!

Jane I'm Jane Woodsworth.
I will email the details to you. That's faster.
You are mister?

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Agent Black. Jack Black.
You have our email details?

Jane Yes, I do.
Thank you mister Black.
See you then tomorrow at ten. Bye!

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Write a dialogue on one of the following topics:

Some Ideas: cold / warm rental, kitchen & laundry facilities

additional costs and obligations.

(The flat could be great or terrible.)

Topic 1 You are at the flat.
The discussion between you and the agent.

(The flat could be great or terrible.)

Topic 2 You are at the flat.
The agent is not there.
The discussion between you and Mrs. Mortimer (the landlady).
