

## “Ana Finds an Apartment”

### Reading Comprehension – Short Stories

*Directions: Read the story. Then answer the questions below.*



Ana, her husband Mario, and their four-year-old son, Antonio, just moved to North Carolina.

They need a temporary place to call home until they get settled into their new surroundings.

Right now, they are staying in a hotel not far from Mario’s job.

Ana begins a search for an apartment for the family to live in.

First, Ana picks up an Apartment Book at the local newspaper stand. The Apartment Book contains listings of all the major apartment complexes in her area.

Ana starts by looking at the prices for apartments in the Apartment Book. Then, she reads about the **amenities** that each apartment complex offers.

For example, some apartments have a clubhouse. Some have a gym, which is also called a fitness center. Some have a pool. Some have all of these!

Ana notices that the more amenities an apartment complex has, the more it costs each month. She wants the family’s new apartment to be nice, but she does not want to spend too much money on it. Ana and Mario are trying to save money to buy a house.

After **considering** prices, amenities, and locations, Ana finds several apartment complexes that she thinks the family will like.

Ana calls the apartment complexes. She sets up appointments with the apartment managers to see the apartments she thinks are interesting.

Ana makes five phone calls in total.

When Mario gets back to the hotel from work, Ana shows him the list of apartments. “These look good,” he says.

The next day, while Mario is at work and Antonio is at childcare, Ana visits the apartment complexes.

She likes the fifth one the best. It is in a good school district. It has a pool, but no fitness center or clubhouse. It is near Mario’s job. Ana hopes to find a job nearby, as well.

When Ana gets back to the hotel, she **discusses** all that she has seen with Mario. They decide to rent the last apartment Ana saw.

The next day, Ana calls the manager of the apartment complex with the news.

The manager asks Ana and Mario to sign a lease and pay a **security deposit**.

If the family damages the apartment in any way while they are living there, the security deposit will help to pay for the cost of repairs.

Ana and Mario sign a lease and pay the money. They will move in next week.

Finally, they have a place to stay.

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### Questions:

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1) What kind of book does Ana get?

- A. a City Guide Book
- B. a Map Book
- C. a House Book
- D. an Apartment Book

2) What did Ana consider while looking through the Apartment Book?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A.  amenities
- B.  prices
- C.  locations
- D.  school districts
- E.  nearby restaurants

3) Where is Ana's family staying?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4) What does Ana realize as she looks through the Apartment Book?

- A. that the nicest apartments are far away
- B. that all the apartments are small and cramped
- C. that it is easy to find a nice apartment in a good school district
- D. that the more amenities an apartment has, the more expensive it is

5) Why doesn't Ana want to spend too much money on an apartment?

- A. Her husband will get upset.
- B. She does not have the money.
- C. She cannot find one she likes.
- D. She wants to save money for a house.

6) In this story, which of the following is not mentioned as an **amenity**?

- A. carpet
- B. clubhouse
- C. fitness center
- D. pool

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Questions (continued):

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7) What makes Ana like the fifth apartment best?

▼ Check all that are correct.

- A.  It has a pool.
- B.  It is near Mario's job.
- C.  It has a fitness center.
- D.  It is in a good school district.

8) Where is Antonio while Ana looks at apartments?

- A. at daycare
- B. at the hotel
- C. at school
- D. at work

9) What does it mean to **consider** something?

- A. to rent it
- B. to think about it
- C. to make it happen
- D. to read a book about it

10) *"When Ana gets back to the hotel, she **discusses** all that she has seen with Mario."*

▼ Choose the best way to rewrite the above sentence.

- A.  When Ana gets back to the hotel, she reads about all that she has seen with Mario.
- B.  When Ana returns to the hotel, she writes about all that she has seen with Mario.
- C.  When Ana returns to the hotel, she talks about all that she has seen with Mario.
- D.  When Ana leaves the hotel, she talks about all that she has seen with Mario.

11) When will the family move?

- A. \_\_\_\_\_  
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12) Which is the best description of a **security deposit** ?

- A. money given to landlord to pay for amenities
  - B. money given to landlord to pay for utilities and telephone
  - C. money given to landlord to prove the tenant can pay rent on time
  - D. money given to the landlord to pay for any damages in apartment
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