

Exercise 12. Ask your fellow students some questions from the chart below.

How much time does it take	you	to do the flat
	your sister	to scrub the floor
	your mother	to cook breakfast
	your friend	to get to the office
	your brother	to do the shopping
How long does it take	your father	to wash up after dinner
		to make coffee
		to dust the furniture
		to read a two-page English text
		to do grammar exercises
		to knit a sweater
		to make a cake
		to get to school

Exercise 13. Fill in the blanks with prepositions and postverbal adverbs wherever necessary.

1. My sister is married. She has a family ... her own. They all live ... her husband's parents. They live ... Sadovaya street. Their house is ... a five-storey building. Their flat is ... the third floor. There are all modern conveniences ... the flat.

2. There is not much furniture ... the living room. A square table is ... the middle ... the room. There are six chairs ... the table. ... the right-hand corner there is a small table ... a TV set ... it. ... it there is a piano, ... the opposite wall there is a sideboard where we keep dishes and glassware. There is a beautiful carpet ... the floor. ... the wall there are some pictures and my grandmother's portrait.

3. My friends have moved ... a new flat. Now they live rather far ... the centre ... the city. They live ... a ten-storey building. There is a lift ... the house. Their flat is ... the sixth floor.

Exercise 14. Translate into English the words below and use them in sentences of your own.

В центре города; переехать в новую квартиру; обставить квартиру; много (мало) мебели; в правом углу; у противоположной стены; в прихожей; полки для посуды; шкаф для одежды; в середине комнаты; столик для телевизора; спальня; туалетный столик; вытирать пыль; подмести пол; прибраться в квартире.

Exercise 15. Translate into English.

У моей сестры - отдельная квартира недалеко от центра города. Квартира не очень большая, но удобная. В ней две комнаты, кухня, прихожая, ванная. В доме современные удобства. В кухне стоит газовая плита, холодильник, стол, несколько табуреток, шкаф и полки для посуды. Кухня очень чистая и уютная. Она служит одновременно и столовой. На мытье посуды у сестры уходит мало времени, потому что есть горячая вода. В прихожей стоит вешалка для одежды и небольшой столик для телефона. У двери лежит небольшой коврик (rag). Одна комната служит гостиной, вторая - спальней. В гостиной стоит круглый стол, шесть стульев, сервант, столик с телевизором, два кресла и тахта. Над тахтой висят книжные полки. В спальне стоит кровать, туалетный столик, платяной шкаф и ночной столик. На полу лежит большой толстый ковер. Сестра очень довольна своей квартирой.

Exercise 16. Make up dialogues on the following topics:

- 1) Discussing a new flat.
- 2) Furnishing a new flat.

Appendix

1. Read and translate the text below.

A House Of Their Own.

Ann To Mavis

17a Carlyle Street
Chelsea, S.W.3.
3. September 1992

My dear Mavis,

Our new house has its roof on now, so Jack and I are getting very excited about it. We're busy choosing furniture. Luckily we have wardrobes built in, and even a sideboard, so we haven't to spend a fortune. We haven't a fortune to spend.

I'd very much like your advice about curtains and rugs. I'm sure you know much better than I do what colour schemes¹ would look well.

Could you spare a few hours one Sunday next month to go out to Park Green with us and look at the house? You'd want to know what colour the walls are before thinking about curtains and rugs, wouldn't you? The inside decoration will be finished early next month.

Jack tells me he is going to write to David about the garden.

Yours, Ann

¹ choice of colours that go well together

Mavis To Ann

32 Parkway,
Hampstead, N.W.5
5 September 1992

My dear Ann,

Of course I'd be delighted to help you, if you think my advice useful, in choosing curtains and rugs. It'll be almost as exciting as choosing them for my own house. You are lucky having a house built for you: David and I will probably have to wait five years before we can marry, unless we can get a building society to help us.

I'm very fond of reds - they make a room look warm. Blues and greens are rather cold colours, don't you think? Yellows and creams are good for walls, but not very suitable for rugs.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing the house. Do let me know when the inside decoration is finished, and we'll fix a date. I hope David can join us, though he's not really an expert gardener.

Yours, Mavis