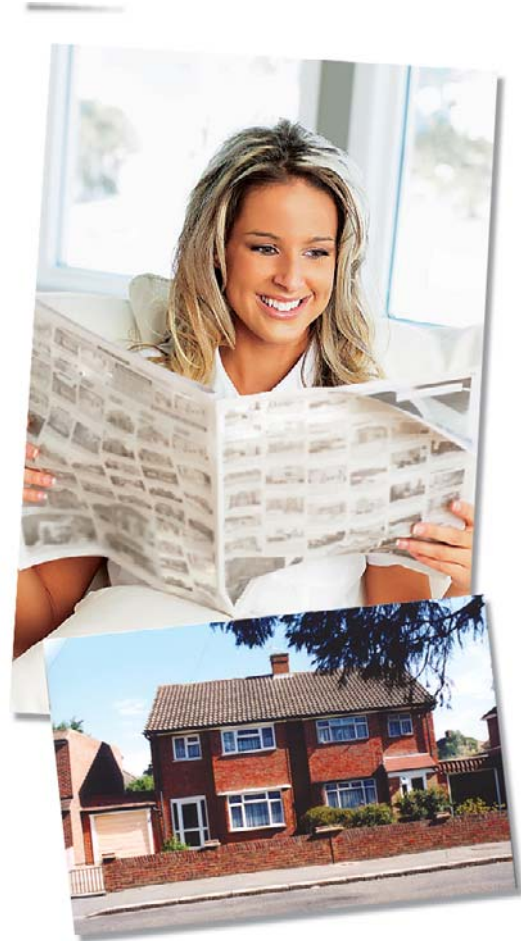


A place of my own

1 Rachel's new home

24 Rachel Robinson's new job is a long way from where she lives so she is leaving her parents' house and is looking for a place of her own. Rents are very high so she hopes to find a flat she can share with other people.

- SALLY Hello?
- RACHEL Hello, this is Rachel Robinson. I've just seen your ad in the paper and I'm calling about the room. Is it still available?
- SALLY Yes, there have been several callers, but nobody has taken it yet. Shall I tell you a bit about it?
- RACHEL Yes, please.
- SALLY Well, there are four bedrooms altogether and a lounge – you'd have to share that with the other people here – and there's a kitchen and a bathroom.
- RACHEL Is it a house or a flat?
- SALLY It's a semi-detached house. We've also got a little garden at the back.
- RACHEL Oh really? That's lovely. What about heating?
- SALLY There's gas central heating. And we've also got a dishwasher and a washing machine that you could use. The washing machine is quite new. We only bought it three weeks ago.



Read the dialogue and find out if the sentences are true or false.

- 1 Rachel is the first caller.
- 2 There are five bedrooms in the house.
- 3 Rachel would have to share the lounge with other people.
- 4 It is a house with a balcony.
- 5 There is no central heating.
- 6 The dishwasher is new.

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2 A home to share

Look again at the telephone conversation and find out which ad the people are talking about.

TURNPIKE LANE.

Third person to share house with gdn, 1 large room, share k&b, £70 pw + dep.
☎ 0208 738615

WIMBLEDON.

Fem for sgle rm
1st flr flat, CH, £85 pw.
☎ 0208 446904

CLAPHAM, nr tube.

Own rm in house, share lounge, CH, w/machine, d/washer, £80 pw + deposit.
☎ 0207 864333

3 Abbreviations

Look at the ads in exercise 2 and find the abbreviations of the following expressions.

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|------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| 1 central heating | _____ | 7 per week | _____ |
| 2 deposit | _____ | 8 room | _____ |
| 3 female | _____ | 9 single | _____ |
| 4 garden | _____ | 10 dishwasher | _____ |
| 5 kitchen and bathroom | _____ | 11 washing machine | _____ |
| 6 near | _____ | | |

4 What about the people?

25 Listen to the second part of Rachel's telephone conversation and answer the questions.

- 1 What are the names of the other people who live there?

- 2 What do they do?

- 3 How much is the deposit?

- 4 When can she go and see the place?

- 5 Which is the nearest underground station?

PRESENT PERFECT AND SIMPLE PAST

- 1 We've had the washing machine for three weeks.
- 2 I've just seen your ad in the paper.
- 3 The room is still available. Nobody has taken it yet.
- 4 Rachel saw an ad in the paper yesterday.
- 5 We bought the washing machine three weeks ago.

- Předpřítomný čas (present perfect) se tvoří pomocí have/has a minulého přičestí (3. tvaru) slovesa (1–3).
- Present perfect se užívá pro děje, které začaly v minulosti a zasahují do přítomnosti (1), a též pro činnosti či děje, které právě (just) skončily (2). Také jej použijeme, když u minulého děje nechceme zdůraznit čas děje, ale jeho dopad do přítomnosti (3). Signálními slovy pro present perfect jsou např. just, already, yet, for, since.
- Minulý čas (simple past) užijeme pro ukončené děje v minulosti (4, 5). Signálními výrazy pro simple past jsou yesterday, last week, 10 years ago atd.

5 What have they done?



Example forget/the phone number
She has forgotten the phone number.

1 break/glass

2 clean/the window

3 buy/a new book

4 repair/the car
