

Chapter 15

A New Apartment



Amelia loved her new job. She thoroughly enjoyed the time she spent scheduling, preparing for, and managing the activities she did with some of the children who stayed at the hotel. Mr. Medina was extremely pleased with her work, and so were the guests.

Eduardo and Marisol were very happy for Amelia. "Look at her," said Eduardo after work one night. "She's advancing at this hotel faster than I am!" Amelia laughed. Of course, she had decided to stay but insisted that they find a larger place to live.

"Can we get a bigger apartment now?" she asked, smiling. "I'm tired of living in one corner of your living room with a view of this ugly gray wall." Eduardo was earning more money, too. Both he and Marisol agreed that it was time to move.

On Saturday, Amelia, Eduardo, and Marisol had an appointment to meet with the manager of a new apartment building. It was located closer to the hotel—only a forty-minute bus ride away. It was in a much nicer neighborhood. And there was a good elementary school for Francisco nearby.



The apartment manager shook their hands warmly. Then she showed them a large three-bedroom apartment that was bright, clean, and quiet. They decided to sign a lease immediately. Amelia walked into her bedroom and opened the curtain. And there she saw two big green palm trees growing on a pretty little hillside. "At last," said Amelia, cheerfully. "A real scenic view."

Answer the questions.

1. What did Amelia think of her new job?
2. What did she thoroughly enjoy?
3. Who was extremely pleased with her work?
4. What did Amelia insist that they find?
5. What did Amelia say she was tired of?
6. What did both Eduardo and Marisol agree that it was time to do?
7. What did Amelia, Eduardo, and Marisol have on Saturday?
8. What was the apartment building located closer to?
9. How was the neighborhood? What was nearby?
10. What did the apartment manager show them?
11. When did they decide to sign a lease?
12. What did Amelia see when she opened the curtain?

A Conversation with the Apartment Manager

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: I really like this apartment.

B: I'm glad. It's a great place—bright, clean, and quiet.

A: My brother and I work in West Beach. How far is that by bus?

B: Oh, it's only a forty-minute bus ride away.

A: Is there an elementary school for my nephew nearby?

B: Yes, there is a very good school only four blocks from here.

A: I like the area a lot. It seems like a nice neighborhood.

B: It is. I feel very safe living here.

Past-Tense Verbs

A. Write the negative form of each past-tense verb.

1. managed _____

5. earned _____

2. was _____

6. loved _____

3. agreed _____

7. were _____

4. shook _____

8. showed _____

B. Write negative past-tense sentences.

1. She showed them a large apartment.

She didn't show them a large apartment.

2. There was a good school nearby.

3. They shook our hands.

4. They were very happy for her.

5. He loved his new job.

Listening

Listen to the sentences. Write the missing word or words.

1. On Saturday, Amelia, Eduardo, and Marisol had an _____.
2. They met with the _____ of a new _____ building.
3. It was located _____ to the hotel—only a forty-minute bus ride away.
4. It was in a much nicer _____.
5. And there was a good elementary _____ for Francisco _____.
6. The apartment manager _____ their _____ warmly.
7. The apartment was _____, clean, and _____.
8. They decided to _____ a _____ immediately.
9. Amelia walked into her _____ and opened the _____.
10. She saw two big _____ palm trees growing on a pretty little hillside.

Pronunciation

Check (✓) *d*, *t*, or *id* to show the pronunciation of the final sound in the past-tense verbs below.

	d	t	id		d	t	id
1. loved	_____	_____	_____	6. showed	_____	_____	_____
2. advanced	_____	_____	_____	7. insisted	_____	_____	_____
3. enjoyed	_____	_____	_____	8. located	_____	_____	_____
4. decided	_____	_____	_____	9. earned	_____	_____	_____
5. managed	_____	_____	_____	10. agreed	_____	_____	_____

What about you?

Circle **Yes** or **No**. Then write questions and ask your partner.

Yes **No** 1. I thoroughly enjoy the time I spend at work.

Do you thoroughly enjoy the time you spend at work?

Yes **No** 2. I think my supervisor is extremely pleased with my work.

Yes **No** 3. I want to find a larger place to live.

Yes **No** 4. I live close to where I work.

Yes **No** 5. I live in a nice neighborhood.

Yes **No** 6. I live near a good elementary school.

Yes **No** 7. I live in a place that is bright, clean, and quiet.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. How can people advance in their jobs?
2. For what reasons do people sometimes move?
3. What things are important when you are looking for a place to live?