

Digital Literacy: Apartment/House Search Lesson Plan

Objectives

At the end of the lesson, students will be able to:

- (1) Open an internet browser and Trulia real estate search engine
- (2) Use the computer to search for apartments and houses
- (3) Use apartment/house search vocabulary in conversation with each other

Duration: 30 minutes

Preparation/Materials Needed: Copies of Student Guide: Apartment/House Search

Pre-Work: Students need to complete the six questions listed on the Student Guide.

Flow	Time	Presenter	Content/ Key Points to Cover	Teaching Approaches/ Student Guide
1	3-5 min.	Tutor	<p>Welcome/Review Objectives/Introductions</p> <p><u>Objectives on white board or flipchart</u> <i>At the end of the lesson, students will be able to:</i> (1) Open an internet browser and Trulia real estate search engine (2) Use the computer to search for apartments and houses (3) Use apartment/house search vocabulary in conversation with each other</p> <p><u>Pre-Work questions</u> 1. Are you currently looking for a new place to live? 2. What type of home would you like? House, Apartment, Other 3. In what city, town, or state do you want to live? 4. Do you want to rent or buy? 5. How much can you spend? 6. How many bedrooms do you need? Bathrooms?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Say: Welcome to the Apartment/House Search class. 2. Do: Review the objectives (written on the white board or flipchart). Have students introduce themselves. 3. Do: If students have not completed the Pre-Work yet, ask them to complete it and write their answers on their Student Guide. Confirm that they understand the vocabulary, e.g., apartment, rent, bedrooms, bathrooms, etc.
2	2 min.		<p>Overview</p> <p>Using a computer is a convenient way to search for a home or a house.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Say: We will be spending time today learning how to use the computer to search for an apartment or house. 2. Ask: Why would this skill be important to you?

3	20 min.		<p>Steps 1-5: Using the Computer to Search for an Apartment or House</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open up the internet browser Google Chrome.  2. In the address bar type in www.trulia.com (or another real estate search engine) and hit enter. 3. In the search bar on the left, type in the town and state you would like to live in. Also select whether you want to buy or rent. Click “search”. 4. In the top bar you can set your preferences such as price, bedrooms, and bathrooms. Click “save search”. 5. You can use the map or the right side of the page to search through homes that fit your needs. Click on the homes to get more details. Once you find one that you like, fill out the basic information. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Say: We are going to follow a series of steps using the computer. Let’s start by opening up the internet browser Google Chrome. Click on the Google browser icon (multi-color circle) at the bottom of your screen. 2. Do: Ask students to take turns reading the remaining steps, #2-5, completing each step before moving on to the next one. Let them know that each step includes a picture of what they will see when they complete the steps. Assist, as needed, with navigation or input of information. Also, be prepared to review new vocabulary, as needed, e.g., search engine, preferences. 3. Do: When students get to step 5, ask them to fill out the Home Search portion of the Student Guide to capture the basic information that they were able to find when they searched for an apartment or house.
4	5 min.		<p>Summary and next steps for students</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do: Ask students to share examples of what they wrote down with their classmates. 2. Say: How will you apply what you have learned today?