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5 Min Survival Kit: The Landlord

Key words & expressions · English + ■■■■■

10 words

Your English Toolbox

1 to sort out a problem

ندرک تسرد ار هئسم کی لکشم کی ندرک لصف و لح

DEF

to deal with and resolve a problem, especially a practical or administrative one — to fix a situation that has been causing difficulty

Sort out is quintessentially British English — it is warmer and more informal than 'resolve' or 'fix'. In landlord/tenant conversations, being able to ask your landlord to 'sort out' an issue signals competent practical English.

نآ ندرک لح و ندرک دروخر ب یرادا ای یلمع لکشم صوصخ هب لکشم کی اب
عفر ای لح زا رتلم سرریغ و رتامرگ تسای ای اتی رب یسی لگن االماک

Could you sort out the heating issue as soon as possible? It's been three days without hot water.

ره ارشی امرگ لکشم دین اوتلم ای آ

دینک لصف و لح رتدوز هچ

She sorted out every problem with her landlord calmly and in clear English — no conflict, no stress.

ره .

ندرک لصف و لح حضاو یسی لگن اب و مارآ ار شاهن اخ بحاص اب یلکشم

2 your tenancy agreement

رجأتسم همانقفاوت تاهراج دادراق

DEF

a legal contract between a landlord and a tenant that sets out the terms of renting a property — including rent amount, duration, and responsibilities of each party

Tenancy agreement is essential practical legal English for anyone renting in an English-speaking country. Understanding the terms — deposit, notice period, break clause — can protect you from losing money and having problems.

دنکلم نییعت ار کل م کی هراج طی ارش هک رجأتسم و رجوم نیب ی نوناق دادراق کی
دنکلم هراج نابزیسی لگن ا روشک کی رد هک یسک ره یارب ی رورض یلمع یقوقح یسی لگن ا

According to my tenancy agreement, the landlord is responsible for maintaining the boiler.

تس امرگ بآ گید یرادهگن لویسم رجوم مالهراج دادراق قبط .

Always read your tenancy agreement before you sign it — and look up any words you don't understand.

لبق ار ترجاتسم همانقفاوت هشی مه .

ن اوخب اضما زا

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a landlord

دهدلی م هراجا اهلنیشن هراجا هب ار نآ و تسا کلم کی کلام هک تکرش ای صخش کی کلام

DEF

a person or company that owns a property and rents it out to tenants in exchange for regular payments

Landlord is the rental relationship noun. In UK renting English, the landlord owns the property; the tenant lives in it. Key phrases: 'my landlord', 'contact the landlord', 'the landlord is responsible for...'. The landlord has legal obligations — maintaining the property, protecting the deposit — and tenants have rights. Understanding this relationship vocabulary is essential for anyone renting in an English-speaking country.

دهدلی م هراجا اهلنیشن هراجا هب مظنم ی اهتخادرب ی ازا رد ار نآ و تسا کلم کی کلام هک تکرش ای صخش کی هراجا هطبار مسا

Your landlord is legally responsible for structural repairs — document issues in writing as soon as they arise.

ار تال کشم تسای راتخاس تاریعت لویسم ی نوناق رظن زامش کلام .
دینک تبت بوتکم تروص هب روهظ ضحم هب

She contacted her landlord about the leaking roof and kept a written record of all communications in case of a dispute.

هق باس کی و تفرگ سامت راکتشن فقس هرابردش کلام اب .
ت.شاد هگن فال تخا زورب تروص رد ار تااطب ترا همه زا بوتکم

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a deposit

دوشلی م تخادرب شی پاشی پ نیشن هراجا طسوت دورو زا لبق هک یغلبم هعی دو

DEF

a sum of money paid in advance by a tenant before moving in — held by the landlord or a protection scheme and returned at the end of the tenancy if the property is in good condition

Deposit is the tenancy security noun. In the UK, tenancy deposits are legally protected — landlords must place them in a government-backed scheme. At the end of the tenancy, the deposit is returned minus any legitimate deductions for damage. Key phrases: 'pay a deposit', 'protect the deposit', 'return the deposit', 'dispute a deduction'.

یتظافح حرط کی ای کلام طسوت دوشلی م تخادرب شی پاشی پ نیشن هراجا طسوت دورو زا لبق هک یغلبم دوشلی م هدنادرگرب کلم تیعضو ندوب بوخ تروص رد هراجا نایاپ رد و هدش یرادهگن هراجا تینما مسا

Document the property's condition with photos before moving in — it protects your deposit at the end.

تظفاحم نایاپ رد ار امش هعی دو دینک تبت سکع اب ار کلم تیعضو دورو زا لبق .
دنکلی م

She paid a deposit of one month's rent and received confirmation that it had been placed in a government-protected scheme.

هیدیأت و درک تخادرب هراجا هام کی لداعم یاهعی دو .
تسا هدش هداد رارق تلود تیامح تحت حرط کی رد هک درک تفایرد

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to give notice

دینک کرت ار کلم دیراد دصق هک نداد عا لطا دوخ کلام هب امسر نداد راطخا

DEF

to formally inform your landlord that you intend to leave the property — typically in writing and within the time frame specified in your tenancy agreement

Give notice is the tenancy departure phrase. Most tenancy agreements require a fixed notice period — typically one or two months. Failing to give notice means you may still owe rent after moving out. Giving notice 'in writing' and keeping a copy is standard practice. Key phrases: 'give one month's notice', 'serve notice', 'notice period'.

ینامز هزاب رد و بوتکم تروص هب الوم عم دینک کرت ار کلم دیراد دصق هک نداد عا لطا دوخ کلام هب امسر
هراجا دادراق رد هدش صخشم
هراجا زا جورخ ترابع

Give notice in writing and keep a copy — verbal notice creates disputes you cannot win.

هک دنکلیم داجی ای اتفالاتخا یه افش راطخا دیراد هگن یپک کی و دیهدب بوتکم تروص هب ار راطخا .
دیوش هدرنرب دیناوتلیمن

She gave one month's notice as required by her tenancy agreement and started looking for a new flat immediately.

لابند هب اروف و درکلیم مازلاش اهراجا دادراق هچن آقبط داد راطخا هام کی .
درک عورش یدیج نامتراپآ

to be liable for

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ای اهاهنیزه ،تاراسخ یارب اصوصخم ندوب لوئسم ینوناق رظن زا یارب ندوب لوئسم تادعت

DEF

to be legally responsible for — especially for damage, costs, or obligations

Liabile for is the legal responsibility phrase. In tenancy contexts: 'you are liable for the cost of repairs', 'the tenant is liable for...', 'the landlord is liable for...'. Understanding who is liable for what — maintenance, utilities, damage — is a core part of understanding rental English and avoiding costly disputes.

تادعت ای اهاهنیزه ،تاراسخ یارب اصوصخم ندوب لوئسم ینوناق رظن زا
ینوناق تی لوئسم ترابع

Know what you are liable for before signing any tenancy agreement — read every clause.

دیناوخب ار دنب ره دیتسه یزیچ هچ لوئسم دینادب هراجا دادراق ره یاضما لابق .

She was told she was liable for the cost of replacing the broken boiler but disputed this as it was pre-existing damage.

تسا هتسکش رلیوب ضیوعت هنیزه لوئسم دش هتفگ وا هب .
تشاد دوجو لابق زا بیسآ نوچ تشاذگ فالتخا هب ار نیما

to move out

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اهدیلک نداد سپ و لیاسو ندر ب ندرک کرت مئاد روط هب اری اهر اراجا کلم کی ندرک یشک بابسا اهدیلک

DEF

to leave a rented property permanently — taking your belongings and returning the keys

Move out is the tenancy end phrase. It is paired with 'move in' — moving in marks the start, moving out marks the end of a tenancy. Key phrases in moving out: 'give notice', 'check-out inspection', 'hand back the keys', 'settle the final utilities'. For English learners planning to live abroad, knowing move-in and move-out procedures in English is essential practical life knowledge.

اهدیلک نداد سپ و انتالیاسو ندر ب ندرک کرت مئاد روط هب اری اهر اراجا کلم کی

هراجا نایاپ ترابع

Before moving out, clean thoroughly and document the property's condition — it maximises your deposit return.

دینک تبث ار کلم تیعضو و دینک زیمت آلماک یشک بابسا زال بق .

دناسر لیم رثکادح هب ار هعی دو تشگزاب

She moved out on the last day of the month and left the flat in better condition than she had found it.

تساذگ دوب هتفای هچن آ زای رتهب تیعضو رد ار نام تراپآ و درک یشک بابسا هام زور نیرخ آ .

utility bills

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و بآ، قرب، زاگ دن نام لزنی اساسا تامدخ یارب مظنم یاهروتکاف تامدخ یاهض بق ت نرتنی

DEF

regular invoices for essential household services — such as gas, electricity, water, and internet

Utility bills is the household expense phrase. In British English, 'bills' or 'utility bills' covers the recurring costs of running a home: gas, electricity, water, broadband. When renting, it is important to know whether bills are included ('bills included') or not ('bills extra'). Key phrases: 'set up the bills', 'split the bills', 'bills in your name'.

ت نرتنی و بآ، قرب، زاگ دن نام لزنی اساسا تامدخ یارب مظنم یاهروتکاف

یگناخی اهاهنی زه ترابع

Set up utility bills as soon as you move in — delays can mean missed payments and credit impacts.

زای اهتخ ادرب یانعم هب دنناوت لیم اهریخ ات دینک میظنت دورو ضحم هب ار تامدخ یاهض بق .

دنشاب یرابتعا تاریت ات و هتفر تسد

She set up all the utility bills in her name within the first week of moving into the new flat.

درک میظنت دیدج نام تراپآ هب دورو هتفه نیلوا رد شدوخ مسا هب ار تامدخ یاهض بق مامت .

9 to raise a complaint

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هک ىلکش م هرابرد تاماقم ای تکرش، کللم دن نام ىسک هب امسر ندرک میدقت تىاکش
ندادعالطا هدشن لح

DEF

to formally notify someone — such as a landlord, company, or authority — about a problem that has not been resolved through informal means

Raise a complaint is the formal escalation phrase. In renting contexts, tenants sometimes need to escalate issues: the landlord has not responded, the repair has not been done, the deposit has not been returned. Knowing how to raise a complaint formally — in writing, citing the relevant obligations, and referencing the next step if unresolved — is an important tenant English skill.

ندادعالطا هدشن لح ىمسرىغ قىرط زا هک ىلکش م هرابرد تاماقم ای تکرش، کللم دن نام ىسک هب امسر
ىمسردىدشت ترابع

Raise a complaint in writing and set a clear deadline for a response — informal complaints are easy to ignore.

ىارب حضاو لجالابرض کى و دىنک میدقت بوتکم تروص هب ار تىاکش .
دنوشلم هتفرگ هدىدان ناسا ىمسرىغ تىاکش دىنک نىىعت خساپ

She raised a formal complaint with the letting agency after her landlord ignored her repair requests for six weeks.

تفرگ هدىدان هتفه شش ار شرىمعت ىاهتساوخردش کللم هکنىا زا دع ب .
ندرک میدقت هراجا سنازا هب ىمسرتىاکش کى

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10 to sign a contract

نتشاذگ ىنوناق رواقم ازلادنس کى ىور اردوخ ىاضما ندرک اضما دادرارق

DEF

to put your signature on a legally binding document — confirming that you agree to its terms and conditions

Sign a contract is the legal agreement phrase. Before renting in English-speaking countries, you sign a tenancy agreement — a legally binding document. Before signing any contract, you should read every clause, understand your obligations, and if uncertain, seek advice. Phrases: 'read before you sign', 'sign and date', 'countersigned by the landlord'.

دىتسه قفاوم نآ تاررقم و طىارش اب هکنىا دىأت نتشاذگ ىنوناق رواقم ازلادنس کى ىور اردوخ ىاضما
ىنوناق قفاوت ترابع

Never sign a contract you have not read fully — not understanding it is not a legal defence.

تسىنىونوناق عافد کى نآ ندیمهفن دىنکن اضما دىاهدن اوخن الماک هک ارى دادرارق زگره .

She read her tenancy agreement carefully before signing the contract and asked the agent to clarify two clauses she did not understand.

زا و دنوخ تقداب اضما زالبق ارش دادرارق .
دهد حىضوت دىمهفلىمن هک ارى دن ب و دتساوخ لماع