# **Entry Program for Older Adult Immigrants English Conversation Circle**

# Unit: Housing Options; Leasing; Problems; Phoning the Landlord

## Objective

Ps will identify housing options and problems in the home.

PS will practice the vocabulary used in leasing an apartment.

PS will practice the dialogue between a landlord and tenant regarding a home problem.

#### **Materials**

- Housing options large picture flashcards
- Housing Options large word flashcards
- Moving in Story p 2- 10
- Maintenance and repair p. 2-7
- Phoning the landlord

### Step 1 Warm Up (15 minutes)

## Introduce the idea of Housing options::

- Take out the housing options large picture flashcards and hold up the picture
  of the house ask the Ps "what is this?" one by one. As they say put the
  matching word underneath put them all on the board with tape.
- Ask them one by one where they live, do they rent or own, etc.

#### Step 2 Work out (60 minutes)

#### Renting In Winnipeg. Moving In:

- Read with the Ps the "Moving In" story (p.2) "Ahmad signs a lease".
- Ask "what is a lease?"
- Look at the lease, (p.3) discuss the information they see on the lease. Where is it? How much per month? How long is the lease? What does occupants mean? What is a landlord/tenant? What utilities does it cover?
- Look at p. 4, why is there 2 cheques?
- Look at p.5, what is a receipt? Do the comprehension questions.
- Have them do p. 6. Correct.
- In pairs have the Ps do p.7 Have them tell the story to the class.
- Have the Ps do p.8 or p.9 depending on their ability. (p. 9 is more difficult) Correct.
- Have Ps do p. 10. Correct.



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#### **Problems in homes:**

- Take out the problems in homes large picture and word flashcards and put the just the pictures on the board. What is the problem with each one? Do they know? As they name each one or you tell them put the matching word underneath.
- Who do they call? Put them into groups of 3 and have them discuss for each one who they call if they are renting an apartment and who they call if living in a house.
- Come and have them share their answers. List on the board and list any they did not know the answer for.
  - All apartment pictures landlord
  - House/leaky sink plumber
  - House/plugged toilet plumber
  - House/leaky roof roofers
  - House/bugs exterminator
  - House/ broken lock locksmith
  - House/broken fridge appliance repairman

#### What is the problem? Maintenance and Repair:

- Take out p.2, **Maintenance and Repair.** Discuss the vocabulary with Ps and describe the problems in the pictures.
- P.3 look at the pictures and discuss the correct answers for the multiple choice questions.
- P.5, 6 and & 7. Do the pages at the rate of the participants.

# **Step 3 Cool Down (15 minutes)**

## **Practice phoning the landlord:**

- Hand out the page "Phoning the landlord" and in go over how to do the dialogue with them.
- In pairs have them practice.
- Have them come back to the class and have a few of them say the dialogue in front of the class.