

A noticeboard message

Learn how to write a noticeboard message.

Before reading

Do the preparation task first. Then read the text and tips and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the words (1–8) with the definitions (a–h).

Words

1. an ensuite
2. a bill
3. a housemate
4. a viewing
5. a single room
6. a pet
7. to share
8. to move in

Definition

- a. a bedroom for one person
- b. to use something at the same time as another person
- c. someone to share a house with
- d. a bathroom that is directly connected to a bedroom
- e. an animal that lives with you
- f. a request for payment of money for water, gas, electricity, internet, etc.
- g. a visit to see a room, flat or house
- h. to start living in a house

Looking for a housemate

Single ensuite room available in our lovely three-bedroom house in Didsbury. Five-minute walk from city centre. Move in from 1 June. Shared kitchen and living room with two female housemates, no parking, £600 a month excluding bills. No pets. Contact 07890 123456 for viewing.

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Tips

1. Write the main title or idea bigger to catch people's attention.
2. Keep the message short, with only the most important information.
3. Don't put your address on it!

Tasks

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

	Answer	
1. Two women live in this house at the moment.	True	False
2. You have to share a bathroom.	True	False
3. It is near the city centre.	True	False
4. You can keep your car here.	True	False
5. You have to pay extra for Wi-Fi.	True	False
6. Pets can live in the house.	True	False

Task 2

Complete the notice.

Shared	parking	excluding	Available
minute	viewing	ensuite	pets

Single (1)..... room in a two-bed house in Withington, a ten- (2)..... walk from city centre. (3)..... 1 September. (4)..... kitchen and living room with two guys, no (5)....., £700 a month (6)..... bills. No (7)..... . Contact 07777 654321 for (8)..... .

Task 3

Put the words in the correct order to make sentences.

- house. three-bedroom available in a with ensuite bathroom Double room
- from Ten minutes by bus the university.
- living room with two housemates. Shared kitchen and
- £800 excluding bills. a month Rent

Discussion

Do you prefer to share a house or live alone?

Answers

Preparation task

1. d
2. f
3. c
4. g
5. a
6. e
7. b
8. h

Task 1

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. False

Task 2

1. ensuite
2. minute
3. Available
4. Shared
5. parking
6. excluding
7. pets
8. viewing

Task 3

1. Double room with ensuite bathroom available in a three-bedroom house.
2. Ten minutes by bus from the university.
3. Shared kitchen and living room with two housemates.
4. Rent £800 a month excluding bills.