**Words to Know: Renting an Apartment or House**

(Basic / Beginning)

Teacher: Edit this handout to include only the 6-8 words you need or want to emphasize with your learners.

| Word | Example Sentence |
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| adverse action notice | The adverse action notice says that Silvia must pay more rent. |
| agency | Sometimes a government agency can help you find housing. |
| apartment | We have a two-bedroom apartment. |
| apply | Go to the management office to apply for an apartment lease. |
| background check | A background check finds out information about you. |
| background report | Your background report says where you have lived. |
| bills | The landlord wants to know if you pay your bills on time. |
| break | If you break your lease, you might have to pay some money. |
| check | Check the lease carefully before you sign it. |
| contract | A lease is a kind of contract. |
| copy | Always keep a copy of your lease. |
| credit check | A credit check finds out how you pay your bills. |
| credit report | His credit report says he has three credit cards. |
| deal | The monthly rent is a good deal. |
| disability | Sometimes a person with a disability can get help with housing. |
| discrimination | If a landlord charges higher rent to people from some countries, that is discrimination. |
| driver’s license | You can use your driver’s license for identification. |
| due | Do you pay your bills when they are due? |
| employer | The landlord asked Silvia about her employer. |
| identification | You need to show identification to rent an apartment or house. |
| in advance | The landlord may ask you to pay the rent in advance. |
| include | Does the rent include utilities? |
| income | The landlord asked Silvia about her income. |
| information | The landlord wants information about your credit history. |
| landlord | The owner of the apartment is the landlord. |
| last | Your lease might last for a year. |
| law | This state has laws about security deposits. |
| lease | A lease says how much rent you will pay. |
| management | I went to the management office to ask about renting an apartment. |
| obey | The landlord must obey the law. |
| pay stub | I showed the landlord my pay stub to prove I can pay the rent. |
| period | The lease period for my apartment is 12 months. |
| public housing | Older people who do not have much money may live in public housing. |
| refuse | The landlord may refuse to rent to you if you do not have good credit. |
| rent | Rent is the money you pay to live in a place. |
| rent-to-own | Rent-to-own plans can be very expensive. |
| repair | The landlord must repair the broken window. |
| rights | Make sure you know your rights as a tenant. |
| rules | Your lease tells you the rules you must follow. |
| security deposit | The security deposit for my apartment is $500. |
| short-term | A short-term lease lasts less than a year. |
| sign | Read the lease before you sign it. |
| subsidized | Older people who do not have much money may live in subsidized housing. |
| tenant | There are three tenants in this apartment building. |
| trick | Dishonest people may try to trick you into sending them money. |
| utilities | Does the rent include the utilities? |
| voucher | A family without a lot of money can sometimes get a housing choice voucher. |
| waiting list | There is a waiting list for apartments in this building. |
| wire (money) | The landlord asked me to wire the security deposit. |