**Tech Tip: Research Accommodations**

In the past, most people used newspaper ads to look for a place to rent. Sometimes, people who had a place to rent would post a sign in the window of the building. Today, many people search the Internet for a place to rent.

1. Go to the search engine of your choice.
   - Type "rent" and the name of your town/city. In most instances, this will give you a number of websites to choose from.
   - If you live in a small community, you may need to enter the name of the closest city.
   - Select a website and begin your search.

   Name of town/city: _____
   Websites used:

   _____

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2. Some websites will allow you to do an advanced search. Narrow your search according to the price, the location, the number of bedrooms, or any other criteria that are important to you. Some criteria I will consider:

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3. Save the information for those places that interest you. Write down several questions you might want to ask the owner.

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**4.** You may wish to walk or drive by each place that interests you. This will allow you to look at the neighbourhood and the condition of the building. Take your time. Make a list of 3 places that you would consider renting.

| Possible Places | Reason |
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**5.** When you are actually in the market for a place to rent, set up appointments to view places that meet all of your criteria.
- Take a friend or family member with you. Two or three people can notice more than you can by yourself.
- Ask the advice of people who have experience with renting or with living on their own.

I would like _____ and _____ to come with me to view apartments because

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**6.** Do not agree to rent if you feel pressured or if you get a negative feeling from the people you are dealing with. Renting an apartment is like buying a used car. There will always be another one to choose from.

**Chapter 3**