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Preface

Do you want to go overseas to travel, work or study? You're not alone. These days, more and more people are living abroad. Experiencing another language and culture can be a rewarding experience. But it's not always easy! Life, language and culture are often quite different in a foreign country. The more you learn before you go, the better your trip will be.

If you're traveling to the United States, "On the Go" is for you. This series tells the story of the Lin family, who have recently moved to America from Taiwan. They are living in California so that Mr. Lin can attend university. While in

America, they learn about finding a place to live, shopping, driving, going to the doctor and many other daily activities.

Even if you're not planning to go to America, "On the Go" can help you improve your English. The situations in "On the Go" are ones that we face every day. These lessons will increase your confidence in using English. They will also improve your ability to express yourself clearly in real-life conversations.

Are you ready? Then let's go!

Happy studying!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Doris Brougham". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Doris Brougham

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Finding a Place to Live



Jack and Nancy Lin and their two children, Susan and Paul, have just arrived in Los Angeles, California. They are going to live in L. A. for four years while Mr. Lin works on a Ph. D. in *psychology* at Azusa Pacific University.

Today the Lins are going house-hunting. They need to find an apartment near the university. They start at the rental clearinghouse.

Conversation 1

Clerk: Here's a *listing* of a large four-bedroom single-family house on Glendora Avenue. It has a two-car garage, a family room, and a big yard.

Mrs. Lin: Oh, that sounds interesting. How much is the rent?

Clerk: It's \$1 250 per month.

Mr. Lin: Oh, it's a little bit too expensive for us, I think.

Conversation 2

Clerk: If you're looking for something less expensive, I'd recommend you check out some apartments or *town-houses*. They run about \$700-900 per month.

Mr. Lin: \$700-900 per month will fit our budget. Let's go look at a few of them.

Clerk: Let me write down some addresses for you to visit. And phone numbers, too, OK?

Mrs. Lin: Thank you.

The Lin family looked at townhouses and apartments in several *complexes*

before they found one they liked. Many of the places were dirty or needed repairs. Finally they found a clean, quiet apartment not far from the university.

Conversation 3

Landlady: This ground floor apartment has three bedrooms, a nice kitchen and dining area, as well as a small *patio* off the living area. In addition, the complex has its own swimming pool just over there.

Mr. Lin: Hey, that's great.

Landlady: And you can save on transportation costs, too. We're right on the city bus line. The buses will take you all over the city.

Mrs. Lin: Are there schools nearby?

Landlady: Yes. The junior high school is only four blocks from here, and the high school is just six blocks away. Your son and daughter can both walk to school. This is a very safe neighborhood.

Jack and Nancy looked at each other. Nancy said the family should take the apartment. It was the best they'd seen. First, however, Jack wanted to see a copy of the *lease*.

Conversation 4

Landlady: You'll need to make a security deposit of one month's rent when you sign the lease. And if the apartment is in good condition when you move out, you'll get the security deposit back.

Mrs. Lin: OK. We'll read the lease and talk it over. We'll let you know our decision tomorrow.

Landlady: Could you call me or come by before noon? I have several appointments tomorrow afternoon to show this apartment.

Mr. Lin: Sure. That's no problem at all.

The Lins took the lease home and read it very carefully. The next day, they returned to the apartment complex. Before Mr. Lin signed the lease, he asked a few more questions.

Conversation 5

Mr. Lin: I notice we pay our rent on the 20th of the month. Who pays for the utilities?

Landlady: You pay everything yourself except the water bill.

Mr. Lin: Then who takes care of the lawn?

Landlady: I do. And that's written in the lease, too. I have someone come in every other week to cut the grass in the summer.

Mrs. Lin: The lease says, "No more than two adults and two children may occupy this apartment." Does this mean we can't have guests?

Landlady: It's OK to have guests. I just don't want to have lots of extra people staying here *permanently*.

Mr. Lin: I understand.

Conversation 6

Mr. Lin: Well, I think we would like to move in as soon as possible.

Landlady: You can move in tomorrow if you wish. The apartment has already been cleaned for the next *tenant*. You'll need to contact the telephone company to *install* phone service. Everything else is ready.

Mr. Lin: Excellent. We're staying in a university dorm now. Our room isn't very big. We want to move out as soon as possible.

Mrs. Lin gave the landlady the security deposit, along with the first month's rent. The landlady gave Mrs. Lin the keys to the apartment. The Lin family moved in and began their L. A. adventure.

WORD BANK

psychology(n) [saɪˈkɒlədʒi]

心理学

listing(n) [ˈlɪstɪŋ]

列出的内容

townhouse(n) [ˈtaʊn,haʊs]

独一单位(但与两旁房屋相连)的楼房

complex(n) [ˈkɒmpleks]

整个住宅群

patio(n) [ˈpæti,ɒ]

内院;平台

lease(n) [liːs]

租约

permanently(adv) [ˈpɜːmənəntli]

永久地

tenant(n) [ˈtenənt]

房客

install(v) [ɪnˈstɔːl]

装设