ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

# Vocabulary Test About RENTING A FLAT Choose The Correct Answer MCQ Exercise 113

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## Explanations

**1.** Some of the people living on the Council's new estate decided to set up a (an) _____ association.
✔ **D) tenants'**
A **tenants' association** is a group of people who rent their homes from the same landlord, here the Council, and work together on housing problems. **Dwellers** and **inhabitants** are not used in this fixed phrase. The people on the estate are not **landlords**, because the Council owns the homes.

**2.** There are several landladies approved by the university who take in _____.
✔ **B) lodgers**
A **lodger** rents a room in someone else's home, often with meals. The fixed phrase is **take in lodgers**. **Residents** and **inhabitants** simply live somewhere, and **settlers** move to a new country or region.

**3.** The landlord requires a $50 _____ from tenants to cover possible damage.
✔ **B) deposit**
A **deposit** is money you pay at the start of a tenancy. You get it back at the end if there is no damage. Not **security** on its own: we say **security deposit**, not **a $50 security**. **Bail** is money paid to get someone out of prison.

**4.** My landlady has recently signed an agreement renewing my _____ for the next four years.
✔ **D) tenancy**
A **tenancy** is the period during which you rent a home, and an agreement can **renew a tenancy**. **Occupation**, **possession** and **residence** do not describe a rental agreement that a landlady renews.

**5.** They _____ the advantages and disadvantages of moving and finally decided against it.
✔ **B) weighed up**
To **weigh up** something means to think carefully about the good and bad points before deciding: **weigh up the advantages and disadvantages**. **Meditate** and **think** would need a preposition (**think about**), and **asked themselves** does not fit with a direct object like this.

**6.** Having decided to rent a flat, we _____ contacting all the accommodation agencies in our city.
✔ **A) set about**
**Set about** + -ing means to start doing a task: **we set about contacting the agencies**. Not **set out**: it means to begin a journey, or it is followed by **to** + infinitive (**set out to contact**). **Set off** means to start a journey.

**7.** The Housing Committee has decided to give _____ to young married couples with children.
✔ **D) priority**
**Give priority to** someone means to treat them as more important and deal with them first. **Preferment** means promotion to a higher job, and **prestige** means respect or status.

**8.** Homeless families _____ the empty houses and started to renovate and redecorate them.
✔ **C) squatted**
To **squat** (in) a building means to live in an empty house without the owner's permission. **Tenanted** would mean they rented the houses legally, which is not true of homeless people moving into empty houses.

**9.** When the landlord died, all the sitting tenants were given notice to _____.
✔ **D) quit**
**Notice to quit** is the fixed legal phrase for an official warning that a tenant must leave the property by a certain date. **Sitting tenants** are people already living in the rented property. **Depart** and **flee** are not used in this phrase.

**10.** The landlord _____ them because they hadn't paid their rent for three months.
✔ **C) evicted**
To **evict** someone means to force them by law to leave their home, often because they have not paid the rent. Not **threw out**: with a pronoun the object must go in the middle (**threw them out**), so **threw out them** is wrong. **Dismissed** is used for workers losing their jobs.