

Are you a tenant or homeowner?

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b	A tenant	b	Affordable	b	They must fix things

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aspect / that's / decent / especially / side / tenant / expensive / credit / enjoying / or

Hi, my name is Billy, and I am currently living in South Africa. And my question today is, am I a house owner, or am I a tenant?


So, simple answer, I am a _____. I think it's a lot of work to be a house owner, and also it's very _____. I would need a little bit more saving to be able to get there.

I don't know. In South Africa, property is kind of expensive, but you can get _____ properties, but it needs a bit more planning and a little bit more of the money _____ and _____ and everything.

So I'm very happy to be a tenant because there's also less responsibility on my _____. If anything's broken, or whatever, I can ask my house owner _____ my landlord to fix it, _____ if it was there when I arrived.

Okay, so _____ me. What about you? Would you like to be a house owner? Or maybe you are a house owner. Are you _____ it? Or if you're not a house owner, are you enjoying being a tenant? Let me know. Bye.

Answer Key

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Okay, so **that's me**. What about you? Would you like to be a house owner? Or maybe you are a house owner. Are you **enjoying** it? Or if you're not a house owner, are you enjoying being a **tenant**? Let me know. Bye.

Here are the **short definitions and examples** for the selected words and phrases from Billy's response:

Vocabulary Explanations and Examples

1. **tenant**

Meaning: A person who rents a place to live.

Examples:

1. I'm a **tenant** in an apartment downtown.
2. The **tenant** pays rent to the landlord.

2. **decent**

Meaning: Good enough; acceptable in quality.

Examples:

1. You can find **decent** housing in that area.
2. The room was small but **decent** and clean.

3. **properties**

Meaning: Houses or buildings that people own.

Examples:

1. They bought two **properties** last year.
2. That company sells luxury **properties**.

4. **aspect**

Meaning: One part or side of something.

Examples:

1. The financial **aspect** of buying a house is hard.
2. Every **aspect** of the plan was discussed.

5. **credits**

Meaning: Money borrowed, usually from a bank, to pay later.

Examples:

1. Buying a house often involves taking **credits**.
2. He used **credit** to finance the home.

6. **that's me**

Meaning: That describes who I am or my situation.

Examples:

1. I like simple living—**that's me**.
2. I prefer renting. **That's me** for now.

7. **on my side**

Meaning: My responsibility or part of the situation.

Examples:

1. If something breaks, it's not **on my side** to fix it.
2. There's less pressure **on my side** as a tenant.