

Chapter 13 Your Living Space

Section 13.1 Home Organization and Safety

NCTE 4 Use written language to communicate effectively.



English Language Arts A Safe Place

Directions Read Pedro’s questions. Using the information below, as well as what you learned in Section 13.1, offer suggestions to Pedro for how he can best take care of his new home.

Pedro's New Apartment

Pedro just accepted a job as a corrections officer. He moved into an apartment near work, and he wants to make sure his new home is well-organized and safe, especially because he has lots of friends and family who plan to visit. In fact, his 3-year-old nephew, David, will be spending a weekend with him after he gets settled. Pedro’s apartment has a small kitchen, one bedroom with a walk-in closet, a large living room, and one bathroom.

1. My new apartment has one smoke alarm outside the bedroom, and one near the kitchen. What else should I do for fire safety?

2. I have a desk, a lot of computer equipment, and a file cabinet. I want a home office, but there’s only one bedroom. What can I do with all that stuff?

3. My parents let me take some furniture with me, but I need more. How will I know what to buy?

4. The bedroom closet is large, but it seems to have a lot of wasted space. How can I improve the storage space in my closet?

5. My nephew David is coming for a weekend visit soon. Since I don’t have children, my apartment isn’t childproof. How can I keep him safe?

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