What's the law?
Australian law for new arrivals

Activity sheet 6 for students: **Renting**

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Activity A

Watch **Renting** and answer the questions.

1. What do Nan and Saw Paw lease?

2. How much do they pay for the bond?

3. Why does Saw Paw complain to the landlord?

4. What do they want back at the end of their lease?

Activity B

Watch the story again. Match the right ending to each sentence.

1. A lease
2. A bond
3. A condition report
4. A court order
5. Kick out means

a. is a document that states the condition of the property and lists all the damage that already exists in the property.

b. is needed when a landlord wants to make a tenant leave a property.

c. is a contract that you sign when you rent a property.

d. force someone to leave.

e. should be returned to you when you move unless you owe rent or have damaged the property.

Activity C

Place the sentences in the correct order and write them out on the lines over the page.

a. They fill in a condition report.
b. They sign a lease, pay rent in advance and pay four weeks rent for the bond.
c. Nan and Saw Paw find a unit to rent.
d. Nan and Saw Paw get their bond money back.
e. The oven doesn't work. They tell the agent but it is not fixed.
f. Nan and Saw Paw go to a lawyer for help.
g. Nan and Saw Paw don't get their bond back because the landlord claims they damaged the unit.
h. The lease ends and Nan and Saw Paw move out of the unit.

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Activity D

What's the important information? Read the statements and circle True or False.

1. When you rent a property you pay rent in advance.   True / False

2. You get your bond back if the property is damaged at the end of your lease.   True / False

3. Before you move in you fill in a condition report that lists all the damage that
   already exists in the property.   True / False

4. You should write down problems in a letter to the landlord and keep a copy.   True / False

5. The landlord can tell you to leave your rented property without a court order.   True / False

Activity E

Complete these sentences. Use a word or words from below.

bond   court order   lease   condition report

1. When you rent a property you must **sign** a _____ .

2. When you rent a property you must **pay** a _____ .

3. When you rent a property you **fill** in a _____ .

4. If the landlord wants you to vacate the property they need a _____ .

Activity F

Discussion

What is the process in other countries to rent a property? What rights do tenants have?

Activity G

Watch **Renting** again. Watch for the screen that tells you where to get help.

Where is the best place to get free legal help?

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