Exercise 1:

Look through the words in Quizlet:

<https://quizlet.com/490931725/lesson-14-video-pi-flash-cards/>

Exercise 2:

Ask students about:

1. How much space do they have in their room?

2. What is it that they have difficulty finding a place for?

3. Do they have any tricks to economize on the available space?

Exercise 3:

Watch this video about crazy-small apartment:

<https://en.islcollective.com/video-lessons/living-8-m2-apartment-tokyo-comprehension-practice>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TYVJbupG3Xg>

Exercise 4:

Answer the following questions:

1.a; 2. She liked that it has two floors, and so the living and sleeping area is separated. 3. b; 4. c; 5. a; 6. earthquakes; 7. a; 8. facing; 9. c; 10. slippers; 11. c; 12. a; 13. a,e.

**1) This 8-square-meter apartment is ... in downtown Tokyo.**

1. smaller than most apartments
2. one of a multitude of extremely tiny apartments
3. the smallest apartment
4. may look small to westerners but it's quite normal

**2) What did she find appealing about this apartment?**

*Answer the question using your own words*

**3) The reason it doesn't feel so confined to the guy is because ...**

1. there are more rooms upstairs
2. it has more space upwards
3. although it's narrow downstairs, it's wider upstairs
4. you can stretch out horizontally

**4) You should take off your shoes at the doorway in a Japanese house ...**

1. because otherwise the landlord will not let you rent the apartment.
2. unless, of course, you come from a culture where people are not expected to take off their shoes indoors.
3. as a way of respecting their culture
4. if your shoes are dirty

**5) Her closet is tiny, too, ...**

1. so she can only have few clothes, which keeps life simple.
2. but she doesn't mind, because at least this way she spends less money on clothes.
3. so she has to buy really small clothes.
4. which is why she always wears the same clothes.

**6)**

*Fill the gap:* She puts sticky pads under the toaster oven to prevent it from moving during \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**7) She ...do yoga in her apartment, ...**

1. can; but not all of the exercises
2. can't really; so she gave up doing yoga.
3. can; but for the exercises where she has to extend her arms, she has to go to the balcony
4. cannot; which she has come to accept as a fact of life.

**8)**

*Fill the gap:* She can't work \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the wall because she gets claustrophobic.

**9) It's typical of Japan to ...**

1. have a large sink
2. value a cutting counter more than a sink
3. have a sink but no cutting counter, even in big apartments
4. have both a sink and a cutting counter no matter how small an apartment is

**10)**

*Fill the gap:* She always wears \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the bathroom because she can't keep it dry.

**11) She ... "coffin".**

1. compared her room to a
2. has enough headspace in this
3. she was afraid that the bedroom would feel like a
4. learnt to cope with living in a

**12) She used to pay ...**

1. more in the countryside in Australia
2. less for an apartment on the outskirts but 69 thousand yen is still less expensive than any other option
3. less when she used to live in a rural town in Japan
4. double the rent in her previous apartment

**13) Her rent includes ... (MARK ALL RIGHT ANSWERS)**

1. the utilities
2. cable TV
3. insurance
4. repair costs
5. wifi
6. parking in the garage

Exercise 5:

## Discuss the following questions:

**1.** Could you live in an 8 square meter apartment? If not, what is the smallest apartment you can picture yourself in?

**2.** What are the advantages of living in such a small apartment?

**3.** What are the disadvantages of living in such a small apartment?

**4.** Would you choose to live in a tiny apartment downtown or in a more spacious one (=larger) a bit outside the center? Explain your choice.

**5.** How do you think she can accomodate her love life with her tiny home?

Keys:

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