

**TASK:**

**You and your partner want to spend a few days in Venice. You are going to write an email in reply to a newspaper advertisement. Read the advertisement and the notes you made.**

## Venice



Beautiful apartment for rent.  
Perfect location, only 6 minutes' walk from the main square. Views of the Grand Canal from the terrace. Sleeps 2/4. Ideal for couples. Can accommodate short stays as well as weekly rentals. Prices from 900 euros p.w.  
Email: [info@perfectlocation.com](mailto:info@perfectlocation.com)

**NOTES YOU MADE:**

Air conditioning? (July!)  
Internet connection? (V. imp. - need to check emails)  
4 nights? -early July OK? Price?

**SAMPLE ANSWER**

Dear Sir or Madam

I recently saw your advertisement in *The Herald* offering an apartment for rent in Venice. I am very interested in coming next July with my partner but before I make a booking I have a number of questions I would like to ask.

You say the apartment is beautifully designed but I need to know a bit about the facilities. For example, is there air-conditioning, which will be very important in July? Also, I need an internet connection because I have to check my emails while I'm away.

I notice that it is possible to make a booking for less than a week. We are planning to stay for four nights in early July. I assume that would be acceptable. Could you give me some idea of the price for this length of stay at that time of the year?

I look forward to receiving this information as soon as possible so that I can make an early booking.

Best wishes

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