## 1 TOPIC QUESTION

# What are the advantages and disadvantages of living in a small house/flat/apartment?

小さい家やフラット、アパートなどに住む利点と欠点は何でしょうか。

## 2 ARTICLE

Directions: Read the following article aloud. 課題: 以下の記事をはっきりとした声で音読しましょう。



#### Small But Cozy

Often the size of your home depends on the country that you live in and your budget of course. Living in a small place can be an interesting experience with many advantages and disadvantages. If you want to live in the city center, then you might have to live in a small apartment.

For a single person, a small apartment might be very convenient. There is less space to clean so it's easy to maintain. The bills are cheaper and so is the rent. Some apartments provide everything you need, such as a washing machine, stove, microwave and storage. But if you have a partner then there is less space, and if you have a child it might be impossible to live in a small place.

Another disadvantage of a small apartment is that it's difficult to invite friends to your home as the walls could be thin and you must respect your neighbors with regard to noise. You can't play loud music or turn up the volume on your TV. Also, you can't have dinner parties. But a small place can be comfortable and cozy. In England, we have a saying, "A man's home is his castle." or a woman's home of course.

## 3 VOCABULARY

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

課題: 先生の後に続いてくり返した後、今度はひとりで発音してみましょう。

**cozy** 居心地のよい、こじんまりした **depend on ~**による **budget** 予算

convenient 便利な maintain 維持する with regard to ~に関して

## 4 QUESTIONS

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

課題: 質問を声に出して読んだ後、答えてみましょう。

- 1. What are the advantages of living in a small place?
- 2. What are the disadvantages of living in a small place?
- 3. Why should you be careful with regard to noise?
- 4. Would you like to live in a small apartment? Explain why or why not.