



## Late with the Rent

Every month Vera collects the rent from the tenants in her apartment building. Most of the tenants are very responsible and pay on time. However, there is one tenant who is always late. It is Miss Walker in apartment 3-B.

Miss Walker has many excuses for not paying her rent on time. One month she says her paycheck is late. The next month she says there is a problem at the bank. "Sorry," Miss Walker says to Vera every month. "It isn't my fault."

Vera feels annoyed by Miss Walker's excuses. Still, Miss Walker is a pleasant person, and she gets along with the other tenants.

But after Miss Walker is one week late with the rent, Vera knocks on her door. "I'm sorry about your problems," says Vera. "But your rent is due on the first day of every month. Today is the seventh. You need to pay it."

"Oh, of course," says Miss Walker. She gets out her checkbook and writes Vera a check for \$500. "Just don't cash this before the tenth," says Miss Walker. "It isn't my fault, but right now there is no money in my checking account."



## Answer the questions.

1. How often does Vera collect the rent from the tenants?
2. Who is always late with the rent?
3. What does Miss Walker say about her paycheck?
4. What does Miss Walker say about the bank?
5. What does Miss Walker say every month?
6. How does Vera feel?
7. When is the rent due?
8. How much does Miss Walker write a check for?
9. When can Vera cash the check?
10. Why can't Vera cash the check now?

## Complete each sentence.

cash  
collects

due  
excuses

fault  
knocks

on time  
responsible

1. Vera \_\_\_\_\_ the rent from her tenants every month.
2. Most of the tenants are very \_\_\_\_\_.
3. However, there is one tenant who is never \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Miss Walker has many \_\_\_\_\_ for not paying her rent.
5. Her paycheck is late, but it is not her \_\_\_\_\_.
6. On the seventh, Vera \_\_\_\_\_ on her door.
7. Vera tells Miss Walker that her rent is \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Miss Walker writes a check, but tells Vera not to \_\_\_\_\_ it.

## Match the definitions.

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| _____ 1. tenant    | a. to have a friendly relationship with       |
| _____ 2. annoyed   | b. after the expected time                    |
| _____ 3. rent      | c. a person who pays rent for a place to live |
| _____ 4. late      | d. nice or good                               |
| _____ 5. pleasant  | e. feeling irritated or angry                 |
| _____ 6. get along | f. money you pay for an apartment             |