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There are advantages and disadvantages of renting a home from a **private landlord** or **letting agent**.

Advantages



This can give you more choice about where you live and the type of home.

For example: House, flat, bungalow



The wait is not usually too long.



There is usually a wider choice of housing available.

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Disadvantages



The rents can be higher and there is a deposit to be paid in advance.



Housing benefit may not pay the full amount to cover the rent.



The **tenancy agreement** may not let you stay long-term so it can be less secure.



It might not be easy to find a home that is already suitable for your needs.

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Private landlords don't have to give tenants as much help to adapt your home.



Some landlords do not look after their homes well.

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