apartment - квартира

apartment house - жилой много­квартирный

bathroom – ванная комната

bedroom - спальня

blinds - жалюзи

built-in wardrobe - встроенный платяной шкаф

carpet [ karpit] n - ковер

cost a fortune – стоить целое состояние

curtain [k3:tn] n - штора

downstairs – вниз по

kitchen ['kitJin] п - кухня

lay the tiles – укладывать кафельную плитку

match [maetj] v- подходить по цвету

nearby ['niabai] adv - неподалеку

paint [peint] v - красить

repairs [ri'peaz] n - ремонт

save money ['seiv 'тлш] – экономить деньги

sitting room ['sitnj ru(:)m] - гостиная

space [speis] n - пространство

to the left - слева

1. Read the text, translate it

Vlad’s sister Nina and her husband Boris now have got a new apart­ment. They are really happy: they have been renting an apartment for quite a long time and saving money to buy a new one. At last their dream has come true.

Their apartment is located not far from the centre near the park, and a walkable distance from the place of Nina’s parents’, so her parents and brothers can come to visit them quite often. It is on the third floor of a twelve-storey apartment house. There is a lift, of course, but Nina and her husband don’t use it, they prefer walking upstairs and down­stairs. They say it keeps them physically fit.

There are two rooms in the apartment, a sitting room, which is rather large, and a bedroom, which is smaller, but very cosy, with two small windows; the view from the windows is to the park. From the sitting room one may go to the-balcony and enjoy a view of the city. The hall is neither large, nor very small. The two doors lead from the hall to the sitting room and the bedroom. A small corridor is to the right. It leads to the bathroom and to the kitchen. Nina and Boris have decided that the kitchen will be used as a dining room as well, because there is enough space to place a big table and a few chairs.

The young couple has spent most of their vacation making repairs. The ceiling was whitewashed; the walls were wallpapered and painted, the tiles were laid in the bathroom. The only thing that is now left to do is to buy furniture. This, though, is quite a problem, because it is very well known that good furniture may cost a fortune. So now Nina and Boris are discussing which things will be bought before they move in.

**Nina:** We are lucky that there are two built-in wardrobes already; all our clothes may be placed either in the wardrobe in the hall or in that in the bedroom.

**Boris:** That’s right, so we don’t need any wardrobes. And we have a bed and two night tables, so our bedroom is already fur­nished. So we must look for something to sit on in the sitting room.

**Nina:** Yes, a sofa and a couple of armchairs will do. And Iwant to have a table for newspapers there, too.

**Boris:** What about a table for my computer?

**Nina:** But you have a table for it already.

**Boris:** You know, it’s rather old and uncomfortable ... But Iagree with you: first things first. Now let’s think about the kitchen.

**Nina:** Isaw a nice set of kitchen furniture in a store the other day. It is not very expensive, and I liked it. We must also look for a table and chairs.

**Boris:** Is there anything else that we have left out?

**Nina:** Yes, definitely! We have all forgotten about the curtains! What colour curtains do you want?

**Boris:** It depends on the colour of the furniture in the living room. The colour must also match the carpet and the walls.

**Nina:** So it is quite a difficult task to choose something to your liking. But we can’t live in the apartment without curtains on the windows!

**Boris:** Very well, now I suggest you going shopping and looking for a sofa and armchairs. Then we will go and choose the cur­tains for the bedroom: the wallpaper there is light blue, so it won’t be difficult to find something nice.

**Nina:** Will it be all right if we order blinds for the kitchen window?

**Boris:** Why not? As to me, I have nothing against it.

**Nina:** And as soon as we buy the curtains we can arrange a house­warming party!

**Boris:** Yes, I think we both deserve a nice party: we have worked quite a lot to make our house a home.

2. Find all examples of possessive case (all forms)

3. Answer the questions

1. Where is their apartment located?
2. What floor is it on?
3. Are there all modern conveniences in the house?
4. Is their flat large or small?
5. How many rooms are there?
6. What are the rooms like?
7. What repairs have they already done?
8. What furniture are they going to buy?
9. Where are they going to place it?
10. When will they have a house-warming party?