

Lesson 2

READ THIS STORY #2, Advanced

Selling Mr. Murphy's House

Mr. Murphy has had his house on the market since March. On Thursday, his agent delivered a formal offer from the Burtons who live in Birmingham. They had seen a picture of his house on the Internet.

The Burtons are in a hurry to move, so they offered a fair price. They want to be sure that all of the things in the house work properly. They asked that an inspection be made by their agent. If the report shows a problem, Mr. Burton may decide not to buy the house, or he may talk with Mr. Murphy about getting it “as is” and paying only half the cost of fixing the problem.

There are many things that must be considered before the sale can be completed. Most importantly, Mr. Burton needs to know if he can afford to buy the house. Buying a house is the most expensive purchase he has ever made.