

Selecting a roommate requires thought, an understanding of yourself, and an understanding of the potential roommate. To practice the skills of interviewing another individual as a possible roommate, select a person in class, interview that person, and write answers to the following questions. Then analyze your interview.

1. How do you like to spend your spare time? (Think to yourself: Do we like to do the same things?)

2. Do you like to clean and straighten your room? (Think to yourself; will I be able to share a space with a person who is less or more neat than I am?)

3. How do you treat your parents and siblings? (Think to yourself: I will probably be treated the same way, can I handle that?)

4. Do you like to eat out or cook? (Think: Would we eat alone, share our food or eat out? What is my budget in comparison to my roommates?)

5. How would we share the rent, utilities, and phone bills? (Think: would these be shared equally?)

6. Would you invite friends or partners in to stay overnight? If so how long would you let them stay and would you supply the extra food that they would eat? (Think to yourself: Would I be able to handle having others stay free of charge? Do I need privacy and do I like their friends?)

7. How would we handle the housekeeping chores such as cleaning, buying groceries, carrying out the garbage, doing laundry, washing dishes and putting them away? (Think: Would the duties be shared or would I end up doing more than my share?)

8. If we have to provide furnishings, appliances, towels, pots/pans, what do you have to contribute and would you be fine with me using them? (Think: Will we have to buy these items or do we have enough to being setting up an apartment?)

9. If you have a problem do you like to talk it over? (Think: will this person communicate with me and share concerns if we were to become roommates?)

10. In the past, have you paid your bills on time? (Think to yourself: Is this person a financially responsible individual?)

11. If one of the bedrooms has an en-suite (own bathroom attached) and the other does not how are you going to decide who gets it? (Explain what you would do)

Interview Analysis

1. Based in answers you received list reasons why you would or would not select this individual as a roommate.

2. List five reasons why it's important to interview a potential roommate.

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

3. List any additional questions that you would ask that were not included in this activity.

4. List at least 10 characteristics that you feel a potential roommate must have in order for them to be compatible with you.

a.

b.

c.

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i.

j.



Personal Inventory

It's easy, initially, to blame the other person when things go wrong or are uncomfortable. In a roommate situation, each person must be responsible for their own share of conflict and conflict resolution. Complete the following "Personal Inventory." Honestly evaluate yourself by placing a check (✓) in the appropriate column that best describes you.

	Usually	Sometimes	Always
1. I am well organized.			
2. I prefer to be alone.			
3. I control my temper.			
4. I get upset when things don't work out the way I want.			
5. I avoid criticizing others.			
6. I am dependable.			
7. It is hard for me to talk out disagreements.			
8. I like to talk.			
9. I can eat almost anything.			
10. I like to be with other people.			
11. I do my share of the work.			
12. I try to change people.			
13. It's hard for me to be wrong.			
14. I can listen to another person's point of view.			

Look over your answers. Will it be easy or hard for you to accept your share of the conflict situation?