

questions to choose a roommate

decorating questions

You don't have to have it all figured out, but at least express what your likes and dislikes are.



friends or just roommates?

Some people aren't just looking for someone to mumble hello to while passing each other in the hallway, whereas others are perfectly happy leading solitary and parallel existences.



water or energy consumption

You spot a recycling bin while being interviewed by a potential roommate, but don't make assumptions about energy and water habits—ask.

Do they think it's normal to leave the windows open or unlocked while they run out for coffee? Do you require all doors locked when indoors?



security

food habits

Dietary preferences can really clash sometimes. Make sure that if you're a meat lover and they're vegan they're okay with you having meat in the fridge.



cleaning habits

Some people wash their dishes immediately after use. Others get to scrubbing only after the sink is overflowing /you've run out of dishes to use...



sleeping habits

A night owl and a morning bird can be roommates, but their nest probably won't make for a happy home unless there are at least a few hours of sleeping time that overlaps.



guest habits

Will they have frequent parties? Will they have frequent overnight guests? What is each person's definition of a "small gathering"?

tendency to feed small wild animals

Stray cats are cute (to us, anyway) but to others they are loud, flea-ridden nuisances. Make sure all parties are on the same page when it comes to what to do with the wildlife.



how loud does one need music/TV?

Some people have to watch movies with complete surround sound, others are perfectly content to listen with headphones.

Ideas read on the site apartmenttherapy.com

exercise created by Agnès Pihuit my-teacher.fr

