

## Roommate Compatibility

Here are some questions that may help you learn a little more about your potential roommate's lifestyle. If you disagree on most of these issues, he/she may not be the right roommate for you. However, only you can decide who you want/can stand to live with.

- (1) Choose one of the following options to best describe the normal state of your room.
  - (a) Extremely clean. Everything is in its proper place and the bed is made.
  - (b) Mostly clean. A few dirty clothes on the floor and the covers are thrown on the bed but not made.
  - (c) More messy than clean but with some sort of method to the madness. Bed is unmade, clothes are scattered.
  - (d) Complete mess. Instead of carpet, you walk on clothes and pizza boxes. The bed, although you can't see it underneath the chaos, is definitely unmade.
- (2) Choose one of the following options to best describe how you feel about your roommate's cleanliness:
  - (a) He/She **MUST** be a clean person. I expect his/her room to be as clean as my own.
  - (b) It's his/her room, he/she can keep it any way they like **as long as** there isn't food and stuff that could cause bugs or bad smells that would affect me.
  - (c) Whatever. Messy is where it's at.
  - (d) I don't care if their own room is messy or clean as long as he/she keep the rest of the home clean.
- (3) Choose one of the following options to best describe your sleep schedule during the week/weekend:
  - (a) Week: Early to bed, early to rise. I leave the house early in the morning. Weekend: Get to bed around midnight or 1 am and sleep to around 9-10.
  - (b) Week: I get to bed at midnight or so and wake up around 8 or 9 am. Weekend: Get to bed around 2 or 3 am and wake up around 11 or noon.
  - (c) Week: I never know when I'll be asleep or up. Depends on the day. Weekend: My sleep patterns are erratic.
  - (d) I sleep during the day and stay awake at night.
- (4) Choose one of the following options to best describe your sleep pattern:
  - (a) I need complete silence/darkness to sleep. Would prefer roommate who would be asleep at the same time so it wouldn't be an issue.
  - (b) I need it to be moderately quiet and dark. Would prefer roommate who is considerate-goes outside to talk on phone, puts headphones on, uses lamp.
  - (c) I can sleep through a hurricane and did once.
  - (d) I probably won't be home most nights anyway because I work at night or spend the night with my gf/bf.
- (5) Choose one of the following options to best describe your music volume:
  - (a) I usually wear my headphones so no one can hear it but me.
  - (b) I like music pretty loud but I don't have to shout over it to be heard.
  - (c) I've been told several times that I listen to my music too loud, but they had to repeat that several times.
  - (d) I don't listen to music outside of my car so that's not an issue.
- (6) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude towards alcohol use:
  - (a) I stay away from alcohol. I would hope my roommate would do the same.
  - (b) I like my liver so I drink maybe a few times a month. I'd hope my roommate would have similar patterns of drinking.
  - (c) I'm young and fun. I have a drink some days of the week. I'd hope my roommate would share in my fun.
  - (d) I drink 8 days a week. That's right; 8.
- (7) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude towards any drug use:
  - (a) I don't use/abuse any drugs of any kind. I won't tolerate that in a roommate.
  - (b) I don't use/abuse drugs and if my roommate does, I don't want to know about it.
  - (c) I may use drugs occasionally, but I won't in the home if my roommates don't like it.
  - (d) It's my life and my home; I'll use drugs if I want regardless of my roommates' feelings.
- (8) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude about living with others:
  - (a) I realize that what I do will have an affect on others. I always try to think about how my actions will affect others around me.
  - (b) I realize what I do may affect others but I sometimes get so caught up in my own emotions that I forget that my behavior will affect others.
  - (c) I realize that what I do may affect others but still do whatever I want whenever I want.
  - (d) I don't believe my actions affect others.

(9) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude towards profanity/cursing:

- (a) I don't use it often. Sometimes it slips out.
- (b) I don't use it like it's a real 4-letter language, but I use it in everyday convo.
- (c) Every other f\*\*\*ing word.
- (d) I don't use it, and I am personally offended by the use of it.

(10) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude towards sharing your items:

- (a) I really don't like to lend things out. I'm more of a "that's your stuff and this is my stuff" person.
- (b) Ask first. It depends on what it is, but I will probably say yes.
- (c) You can use anything of mine even without asking.
- (d) Borrowing is on an item-by-item basis. Ask first, and I'll decide if I want to share.

(11) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude towards cooking:

- (a) I like to cook most every day so I'll be in the kitchen frequently.
- (b) I cook and eat-out on a scattered basis.
- (c) I eat out all the time.
- (d) I don't cook a lot but when I do, I take over the kitchen.

(12) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude towards guests:

- (a) Guests are bad. Not open to having strangers in my home.
- (b) During the week, I think guests should leave by midnight. During weekends, guests can stay until 1 am. If the guest is to stay overnight, I would like to be informed in advance.
- (c) As long as guests are quiet and there aren't like 40 of them, I think it's okay. If a guest is to stay overnight, I'd like to know ahead of time if possible.
- (d) Your friends are my friends. Bring 'em over and let's have a good time. Overnight guests are okay.

(13) Choose one of the following options to best describe your study habits:

- (a) I need to study each day. I tend to study in my bedroom so my roommates have to be quiet and studious people. No distractions.
- (b) I study pretty much each day. Mostly at the library, sometimes at home. My roommates would have to be considerate when I was studying. Little distraction.
- (c) I study sometimes, but I can study with tv or radio on so I don't need my roommates to modify their behavior in order for me to concentrate. Distractions okay.
- (d) I don't study so this isn't an issue.

(14) Choose one of the following options to best describe your average morning/shower ritual:

- (a) I tend to get up early enough so my morning routine doesn't interfere with anyone's schedule. Probably spend about 45 minutes in the bathroom between showering, blow drying hair, getting dressed, etc.
- (b) I'm pretty much in and out of the bathroom in about 20-30 minutes.
- (c) I like long and luxurious showers. My roommates should DEFINITELY take a shower before me because I'll be in there for a while.
- (d) I shower at night so this is not applicable.

(15) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude towards people of different races/religions/ethnicities/sexual orientations?

- (a) I'd prefer to live with someone of the same or similar race, religion, and sexual orientation.
- (b) I'm open to living with someone slightly different, but I'd feel more comfortable with someone of the same race/religion/ethnicity/sexual orientation.
- (c) People are people. I'm open to anyone as long as they are respectful of our differences.
- (d) Don't ask, don't tell, then it's not an issue.

(16) Choose one of the following options to best describe how you would address this situation: You come into the kitchen after a long day to get a glass of milk and cookies when you realize that one of your roommates has not only drank your milk without your permission, but left the empty carton in the refrigerator giving you false hope that you will have something to wash down your delicious cookies. Going to your room to watch Grey's Anatomy, you notice that the tv won't turn on even though it's plugged in. Roommate 2 didn't pay the cable yesterday like she/he promised. Annoyed, you wait for your roommates to come home.

- (a) Okay I'm ticked off. My roommates are so undependable that I can't live here anymore. When I see them, I confront them by demanding \$2.13 from the dairy burglar and scream that Grey's Anatomy only comes on once a week. I'm too upset to talk rationally and my roommates question my stability.
- (b) I'm ticked off, but I've drank the last of the milk once or twice. It happens. I'm not a big tv watcher, but I wish she/he had paid the bill. Guess I'll just read. I'm up for talking to the roommates about how to make things better.
- (c) Well, that sucks. I'm usually too timid or relaxed to confront my roommates. I'll just suck it up-it's better than drama.
- (d) I'll leave a nasty note so my roommates know I'm upset and ignore them for the rest of the week. If they ask what's wrong, I'll lie and say, "Nothing."

(17) Choose one of the following options to best describe your attitude towards pets:

- (a) I am allergic or I don't like pets at all. I won't even watch movies with animals in them.
- (b) 1 Dog/1 cat is okay as long as they are friendly, house-broken, and owner's responsibility. No creepy lizards. Nothing without legs.
- (c) Animals are like people except cooler. I'm a regular Dr. Doolittle.
- (d) I like animals, but I don't want to live in a petting zoo.

