

# Key considerations for choosing a flatmate

Ask these questions to determine compatibility for a harmonious living arrangement.

## Lifestyle Habits and Daily Routines



### Daily schedules

- **Bedtime:** what time do you usually go to bed?
- **Waking Up:** What time do you usually wake up?
- **Work/Social Schedules:** What are your daily routines and commitments? Do you study at home?



### Living preferences

- **Cleanliness:** what is your expectation for tidiness and organization?
- **Communal space:** what are your expectations for shared areas?
- **Temperature:** what is your preferred room temperature (cool or warm)?



### Eating habits

- **Cooking vs. Takeout:** How often do you cook at home vs. ordering takeout?



### Personal habits

- **Pets:** Do you have any pets or allergies? How will pet responsibilities be shared?
- **Smoking:** What are your smoking habits and policies within the home?
- **Drinking:** How often do you drink, and what is your tolerance?
- **Drug Use:** What are your views on substance use?



### Social preferences

- **Sociability:** How do you balance alone time and social interaction?
- **Visitor policies:** How often do you have visitors, and what types are you comfortable with?
- **Shared interests:** Do we have common activities or hobbies?



### Household atmosphere

- **Quiet vs. lively:** Do you prefer a quiet or lively household?



### Communication style

- **Discussing issues:** Are you open to talking about concerns?
- **Communication methods:** Do you prefer in-person discussions, texts, or other methods?
- **Conflict resolution:** How do you handle disagreements? Are you comfortable speaking up if something isn't working? Do you listen and take feedback?

## House rules and policies



### Household rules

- **Rules Agreement:** Do you agree to quiet hours, chores, and other house rules?
- **Documentation:** Are you willing to have a clear record of agreed-upon rules?



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## Financial considerations



### Rent and bills

- **Payment Reliability:** Can you reliably pay rent and utilities on time?
- **Expense Sharing:** How do we split shared costs (groceries, internet)?



### Financial stability

- **Employment Status:** Do you have a stable income?
- **Credit History:** Can you provide references from previous landlords?



### Living history

- **References:** Do you have feedback or references from other flatmates?



### Duration of stay

- **Length of Stay:** How long do you plan to stay?



### Security measures

- **Home Security:** Are you agreeable to locking doors and windows?



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## Lease agreement



### Terms and responsibilities

- **Lease Conditions:** Do you understand and agree to the lease terms?
- **Tenant Responsibilities:** Are you aware of your legal obligations as a tenant?

## Red flags to watch out for



### Inconsistent communication

- **Financial Discussions:** Are they reluctant to discuss money?
- **Plans:** Are their long-term intentions unclear?



### Poor references

- **Feedback:** Have they received negative feedback from previous flatmates or landlords?
- **Employment:** Do they have an inconsistent job history?



### Lifestyle compatibility

- **Standards:** Do they have different cleanliness or noise tolerance standards?
- **Schedules:** Are their routines significantly different from yours?



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