

21 Questions to Ask Potential Roommates

Employment, schedules, and finances

1. Where are you currently working, and what's your schedule like?
2. Do you work from home ever, or often? If so, would you be able to do so from your own room, or would you need to work in the living room?
3. Can you comfortably afford the rent and security deposit? Is it similar to what you've paid in the past? The economy is unpredictable. If your work situation were to change, do you have a bit saved up to cover rent in a pinch?
4. How have you split shared costs, like utilities, cleaning supplies, new light bulbs, and those kind of things? How have you handled any financial disagreements with your past roommates?

Diets, pets, and future plans

5. Do you generally like to cook, and do you cook often? If so, would you ever want to combine forces in the kitchen?
6. Do you have any major dietary restrictions or allergies? Are you vegan or vegetarian?
7. Are you planning on bringing a pet with you, or did you have hopes of adopting a pet in the near future?
8. How long do you see yourself living in this apartment? Do you travel often, or have any upcoming travel plans that I should know about?



Lifestyle and habits

9. What's your daily routine and sleep schedule like? Are you typically a night owl or an early bird?
10. How do you spend your free time?
11. How do you feel about cleaning? What are your honest cleaning habits, especially in common areas, and how important do you think it is to have an apartment that's in perfect order?
12. Would you want to be involved in decorating the common areas? Do you have stuff that would need to be stored in those common areas?
13. What are your personal thoughts on overnight guests? And significant others?
14. Do you have any pet peeves or deal-breakers when it comes to living situations?
15. What is your stance on things like sharing food or personal items? Are you someone who really prefers to keep everything separate and private, or do you appreciate a more communal vibe, within reason?
16. In your past roommate situations, how have you handled things like chores?
17. Would you say you need your personal space and alone time? Or are you looking for a more social roommate scenario?
18. Do you smoke or vape? If so, are you cool with only doing so outside (not even in your room)?

General compatibility

19. How do you think friends or past roommates would describe you?
20. What's the best roommate situation you've ever had? What's the worst?
21. Where were you living before? What made you decide to leave?

