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Roommate or Friend?

A roommate can be your best friend or she can be just someone you know and see occasionally. It is a mistake, though, to get a roommate expecting to become best friends. While you may become close, the best idea is to not force it and to just get along as roommates first.



One of the biggest conflicts between roommates is cleaning. Decide on chores ahead of time.

Here are some suggestions for your list:

1. Have you ever had a roommate before? What, if anything, bothered you about your past roommates?
2. Do you have a boyfriend or other friend who will be visiting here frequently? How do you feel about having sex before marriage?
3. What is your occupation? What are your work hours?
4. What time do you generally go to sleep and wake up on weekdays and weekends?
5. What are your kids' schedules?
6. Do you have any credit problems? Will you sign a lease? (This is very important in order to weed out people who will not pay their bills.)
7. Discuss whether you will be paying equal rents for equal rooms or if one of you will have a significantly better room (and pay more of the rent).
8. Do you consider yourself messy or neat? Are you willing to help clean common areas? (Example: wash dishes, mop, clean fridge, etc.)
9. Are you a heavy or a light sleeper?
10. Do you smoke? Drink? Do drugs?
11. Do you have any pets?
12. Do you have any major medical conditions?
13. What do you like to watch on television?
What type of music do you listen to? Do you listen to music loudly or softly?
14. Do you play any musical instruments? When do you usually practice?
15. How often do you have guests over?
16. Will you want to share costs for food? Are you the type who likes to share clothes, CDs, computer, etc.?
17. How do you discipline your children?

