

How I Like to Live

These questions will help you clarify how you like to live. You don't need to share your answers with anyone, but they will serve as points for discussion with potential housemates who have passed the initial "Can't live with/Can't live without" stage and have come to see your home.

1. NEATNESS

- I delight in having a place for everything and everything in its place
- I try to pick up after myself, but sometimes things get away from me.
- I have a lot of projects on the go, and like them out where I can see them.
- Newspapers, junk mail, and magazines can pile up for months.

Notes:

2. HOUSEHOLD CLEANLINESS

- I pride myself in keeping a sparkling clean house.
- I give my house a "lick and a promise" every week or two.
- Company's coming! Time to clean!
- Life is too short to spend it keeping house; what you see is what you get!

Notes:

3 KITCHEN CLEANLINESS

- I never leave dishes in the sink; they are always washed or put in the dishwasher.
- I will leave dishes in the sink, but I'll wash them or put them in the dishwasher daily.
- I'll leave dishes piled up near the sink and will get to them when the pile is too big.

- I wash dishes when I run out of clean ones to use.

Notes:

4. KITCHEN USE

- I never cook.
- I rarely cook a meal at home.
- I cook occasionally.
- I cook more than half my meals at home
- I cook at home all the time.

Notes:

5. WHAT I EAT

- I try to follow the Canada Food Guide to prepare healthy meals.
- I am a vegetarian.
- I am vegan.
- I have food allergies requiring a special diet.
- I eat mostly take-out/fast foods.

Notes:

6. MEAL TIMES

- I feel mealtimes are a wonderful time to share with others.
- I prefer to eat on my own whenever I feel like it.
- I love to share what I've cooked and enjoy other people's cooking.

- I prefer to eat my own food, even if I'm sharing the table with others eating theirs.

Notes:

7. ROUTINES

- I keep a pretty regular schedule and am at home most of the time.
- I am away from the house during most days, but at home in the evenings.
- My schedule changes a lot, but most of the time I am not at home.
- My schedule changes a lot, but I'm at home about half the time.
- I am at home most weekends
- I often go away on the weekends.

Notes:

4. SLEEP PATTERNS

- I enjoy early mornings and usually get to bed before 10:00 pm.
- I don't function well before 10:00 am and enjoy late nights.
- I work nights and need quiet during the day.
- I have trouble sleeping and am often up at night.
- Street noise keeps me awake.
- I can sleep through anything.

Notes:

5. TIME AWAY

- I am rarely away from home overnight.
- I am away overnight a couple of times a week.
- I am away most of the time; I just need somewhere to keep my stuff and sleep occasionally.
- I take one or two vacations a year of 1 -2 weeks duration
- I go away every winter/summer for an extended period.

Notes:

6. GUESTS – MINE

- I often invite my friends/family over spontaneously.
- I like to entertain and have friends/family in my home.
- I rarely invite people to my home.
- I often care for grandchildren in my home.
- Sometimes friends/family from a distance stay overnight for a day or two.
- I have a “significant other” who often stays overnight.

Notes:

7. GUESTS – YOURS

- I love meeting new people and easily adapt to whatever is happening in the house.
- I am more comfortable when there are visitors that I already know.
- I want to be told ahead of time that people are coming to the house.
- I want to be asked ahead of time before people come to the house
- I want my home to be a retreat, without visitors.

Notes:

8. PETS

- I don't have any pets and don't want to live with animals.
- I don't have any pets, but I am willing to live with either a dog or a cat.
- I don't have any pets but I am willing to live with only a dog/cat.
- I have a pet (pets) but any more would not be a good idea.
- I have a pet (pets) and could live with others.

Notes:

9. HOUSEHOLD TASKS

- I do my own housecleaning.
- I would expect a housemate to help with housecleaning
- I hire someone to do the cleaning on a regular schedule
- I love to garden and do yardwork (lawn moving, snow shoveling, etc)
- I would expect a housemate to help with yardwork.
- I hire someone to do the yardwork.

Notes:

9. VISUAL ENTERTAINMENT (TV, NETFLIX, ETC)

- I can watch anything that's on.
- I have regular shows that I simply must watch.
- I occasionally watch something. (Sports, news, specials, movies)
- I rarely watch anything on TV.

- I never watch anything on TV and don't want to have one in the house.

Notes:

10. RADIO

- I like to have the radio on during the day.
- I prefer silence during the day.
- I have regular radio programs that I have to hear.
- I have preferred stations that I like to listen to.
- There are stations I don't like to listen to.
- I never listen to the radio.

Notes:

11. MUSIC

- I can listen to all types of music.
- There is some music I really like.
- There is some music I truly dislike.
- I really don't like background music and prefer silence.

Notes:

12. SMOKING

- I am a smoker.
- I don't smoke.
- I don't allow smoking in my home.

- I don't allow smoking on my property.

Notes:

13. ALCOHOL

- I don't drink alcohol, and don't want any in the house.
- I don't drink alcohol, but don't mind if others do.
- I enjoy a glass of wine with dinner and on social occasions
- I seldom drink alcohol.

Notes:

14. RECREATIONAL DRUG USE

- I never use recreational drugs and don't want any in the house.
- I never use recreational drugs, but don't mind if others do.
- I occasionally use recreational drugs.
- I regularly use recreational drugs.

Notes:

15. RELIGION/SPIRITUALITY

- I am not interested in Religion/Spirituality.
- I am somewhat interested in Religion/Spirituality.
- I am very interested in Religion/Spirituality
- I am extremely interested in Religion/Spirituality

Notes:

16. POLITICS/SOCIAL ISSUES

- I am not interested Politics/Social Issues.
- I am somewhat interested in Politics/Social Issues
- I am very interested in Politices/Social Issues
- I am extremely interested in Politics/Social Issues

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