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Questions to Ask Before You Share a Space (and a Life)

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Moving in together is a big step. Beyond love and butterflies, it takes maturity, communication, and a shared understanding of what life under one roof will actually look like. This questionnaire is designed to help couples have honest conversations before signing a lease (or giving up a perfectly good couch).

Financial Compatibility

- Are we both financially stable?
- Do we have a plan for splitting rent, utilities, groceries, and other shared expenses?
- Will we open a joint account for household expenses or transfer money monthly?
- Do either of us have debt, and how does that affect our budget?
- What happens if one of us loses a job or has an unexpected financial emergency?
- Do we both have emergency savings or a personal safety net?
- Will either of us be financially dependent on the other?
- Who is responsible for handling bill payments and rent due dates?

Lifestyle & Household Habits

- What are your expectations around cleanliness and chores?
- How will we divide housework (laundry, dishes, cooking, etc.)?
- Are you more of a minimalist or do you love your "stuff"?
- What does a messy vs. clean home mean to each of us?
- Do you have any must-keep furniture or sentimental items?
- Are we bringing pets into the home? Who takes care of them?



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Routines & Personal Space

- Do we have similar sleep schedules and routines?
- Are we morning people, night owls, or somewhere in between?
- Do either of us work from home? Will that impact shared space?
- How much alone time does each of us need to recharge?
- How will we handle needing quiet, privacy, or breaks from each other?
- What does a typical weekday and weekend look like for each of us?

Relationship Readiness

- Why are we choosing to move in together—convenience, love, financial reasons?
- Are we both committed to a long-term future together?
- What does "commitment" mean to each of us?
- Do we see this as a step toward marriage, or something else?
- Have we lived with a partner before? What did we learn from that experience?

Conflict & Communication

- How do we handle conflict or disagreements?
- How do you prefer to communicate when something's wrong?
- What happens when one of us needs space during a fight?

Planning for the "What If"

- What happens if we break up—who moves out, and how quickly?
- Whose name will be on the lease or mortgage?
- What happens to shared furniture or big purchases?
- Can either of us afford the place on our own?
- Are we both okay having this hard conversation before things get messy?



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Moving Logistics

- What are we keeping, selling, donating, or putting in storage?
- Do we need a moving truck or help from friends/family?
- How much will this move actually cost—and who's covering what?
- Should we set a budget for furnishing/decorating our space?
- Can we each keep some "personal" space (a desk, a corner, a hobby area)?

The Good Stuff

- What are we most excited about when it comes to living together?
- What does a peaceful, happy home look like for us?
- How can we keep the romance alive when we're sharing space 24/7?
- What daily or weekly habits can we create to stay connected?
- What traditions or rituals (like Sunday dinners or game nights) would we love to start?

Final Note:

There's no one-size-fits-all formula for cohabitation. What matters most is that *you and your partner* feel secure, supported, and seen. Use this questionnaire as a conversation starter, not a checklist to "pass", and revisit it over time. You're not just moving furniture; you're building a life together.

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