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Roommates

You just signed a lease for an apartment with a new roommate.

1. Obviously, you will split the cost of the rent with your roommate, but there will be other expenses as well. List as many expenses/bills as you can think of that you will need to discuss with your roommate.

2. You each have your own room, but there are several common areas: the living room, kitchen, and bathroom. What are some potential issues that could arise because of these common areas?

3. Buying Food
 - a. How do you prefer to go about this? Do you split the cost? Do you each buy your own? Do you buy some together and some on your own?

 - b. If you split the cost, how do you make sure you are keeping things fair?

4. Decorating and Furnishing
 - a. You have a couch and a microwave from college, but your roommate doesn't have any extra furniture to help furnish. Everything else you get for the apartment, you split the cost 50/50 with your roommate. Do you think this is fair? Why or why not?

 - b. What do you think is the best way to go about getting furniture and making sure that you each pay your fair share?

 - c. You do not have the same style as your roommate. What do you do about decorating the apartment since you can't seem to agree?

5. Streaming Services

- a. You currently have a subscription to Netflix and your roommate has an Amazon Prime account. You both agree to keep paying for your own subscriptions while sharing the accounts. One day, your roommate decides to add a Hulu subscription without consulting you. You watch some shows on Hulu with your roommate, but when the bill comes, your roommate assumes you will split the cost. Would you split the cost? Why or why not?
- b. How could the situation in part (a) have been handled better?

6. Passwords

- a. You are on vacation and realize you need your password for your bank account. You can't remember it, but it is written in a notebook at home. Would you call your roommate to get the password?
- b. What are some pros and cons to allowing your roommate to have access to your password?
- c. If you do allow your roommate to access your password, is there anything you could do after you log in to make sure your account information is secure again?

7. Time to Move Out

- a. About six months into the one-year lease, your roommate decides to move out. What would you do? Would your roommate still be responsible for paying the rent?
- b. What if a few months into the lease, you find that the two of you just aren't getting along. How would you handle this? Would you just push through until the lease was up? Would one of you move out?
- c. Based on your answer to part (b), think about the consequences of your decision. How would this impact the financial aspect of things?

8. Think about some of the topics you would want to discuss with someone before deciding to room with them. List those topics of discussion below.