

# My COLLEGE Roomie

## ROOMMATE GUIDE



There is a lot to talk about with your new roommate even *before* you move in. Chat with your roommate within My College Roomie to discuss the following:

### Who's Bringing What

Television? Mini-Fridge? Microwave? These are all items you may have to bring to your room, so talk to your roommate about who's going to bring which things.

### What You'll Be Sharing

As roommates, you will be sharing a living space, but that doesn't mean that everything is communal. Talk to your roommate about what you're okay with sharing and what is off limits.

### Ground Rules

How do you feel about overnight guests? Loud music? There may be some boundaries you want to set beforehand, so make sure to set ground rules before you move in.

Moving in with someone new can be awkward. Here are some ice breakers you can use to fill an awkward silence while learning more about your new roommate.

### Classes

One thing you two are sure to have in common is a busy new class schedule. You can ask each other about upcoming courses: what they are, where they are, and if you know any other students taking them.

### Nerves

College is an exciting time, but it can also be nerve wracking. You and your new roommate are probably worrying about the same things, so share your fears and questions with one another!

### Common Ground

Learn about your roommate's interests and hobbies and see what the two of you have in common.

Hopefully, My College Roomie will help you select the perfect roommate. However, sometimes things don't go as planned. If you don't immediately click with one another, don't fret! Give the new relationship some time!

### Talk things out

Instead of avoiding conflict, open up a conversation and talk to your roommate about what's bothering you.

### Compromise

Sometimes a less-than-ideal living situation can be made easier by making a simple compromise. Once you talk about the conflict, see if you can meet in the middle and mutually agree.

### Keep it Polite

Living with someone new is not always a walk in the park. However, being respectful and polite will always go a long way!