

CONSIDERING DIFFERENT OPTIONS

- Decide on important criteria.
- Look at options and make a list of the pros and cons (advantages and disadvantages) of each one.
- Decide which is the best option.

A You are going to choose a place to live with two or three friends. First read the criteria below and tick the things that are important to you. Add any other ideas you have.

What's important for me?

<input type="checkbox"/> price	<input type="checkbox"/> garden
<input type="checkbox"/> location	<input type="checkbox"/> bath
<input type="checkbox"/> size of the rooms	<input type="checkbox"/> dishwasher
<input type="checkbox"/> number of rooms	<input type="checkbox"/> pets allowed
<input type="checkbox"/> style of property	<input type="checkbox"/> pets not allowed
<input type="checkbox"/> furnished	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> unfurnished	<input type="checkbox"/> _____
	<input type="checkbox"/> _____


B Now look at your list and decide which things are essential and which things you could compromise on.




Self and Society

Work and Career

Study and Learning

C  Work in a group with two or three other students. Compare and discuss your criteria and decide which are the most important things, and which things you can compromise on. Agree on a list of features the property must have and what things would be preferable.

D  In your group, read the property adverts below and made a list of pros and cons (advantages and disadvantages) of each one, according to your shared criteria.

HOW TO SAY IT

Discussing requirements

For me, the property has to be ...

The property must have ...

It's really important for it to have ...

I'd prefer it to have ...

It doesn't have to be/have ...

It would be good for it to be/have ...

Ideally, I'd like ...

We definitely need ...

It can't be too (expensive) because ...



Large furnished house on university bus route. Three good bedrooms, bathroom with bath and shower, big kitchen with new fridge and cooker, central heating, small garden, no pets.

£1200 a month.

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Pretty unfurnished house in small village 20 minutes from city centre. Four small bedrooms and three bathrooms, cosy living room, large garden, wood fire, large kitchen with cooker, fridge, dishwasher.

£2400 a month.

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Tenth-floor furnished flat for rent near university and park. Two large bedrooms, large living room, kitchen with cooker and fridge, bathroom with shower, fantastic balcony with views over the city, pets OK.

£900 a month.

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E  Now discuss which would be the best property for all of you.

A: *I think property ... is the best one for all of us. It's got ...*

B: *Yes, and the best thing about it is ...*

C: *What about property ..., though? That has a lot of advantages, too.*



REFLECT ... How can the skill of considering different options be useful to you in **Work and Career** and **Self and Society**?