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**Preflight Checklist**  
**Where to Land:  
Apartment or Dorm?**

## **Teacher's Answer Key**

**Directions:** After watching “Where to Land: Apartment or Dorm?” answer the following questions.

1. What are the positives of living in a dorm?  
*Large “friend pool” of people your same age.*  
*Safety, low-stress*  
*High study ethics*  
*Proximity to classes*  
*Awareness of campus events*  
*Cafeteria*
2. What are the negatives of living in a dorm?  
*Everyone is a freshman, like “the blind leading the blind”*  
*Computerized roommate lottery*  
*Many rules*  
*Communal, free-roaming atmosphere*  
*Distractions*
3. What are the positives of living in an apartment?  
*You have your own space or private sanctuary.*  
*You can choose your own roommate.*  
*No curfew, few rules.*  
*You may have older, more focused neighbors.*  
*You can decorate.*  
*You can visit the dorms when you want.*
4. What are the negatives of living in an apartment?  
*Small “friend pool” of people your own age.*  
*You might be the only student in your apartment.*  
*You might get lonely.*  
*Hidden costs besides rent, utilities, and damage deposit.*

5. How do the social aspects of dorms and apartments compare?

Dorms: *people your own age, neighbors might be too immature, experience college together, aware of campus events, might be hard to be alone*

Apartment: *people older than you & more mature, neighbors might not be students, unaware of campus events, can be alone when you want*

6. What are the differences in security between apartments and dorms?

Dorms: *more security, resident assistants, neighbors are students*

Apartments: *may have security, may not have security, you get what you pay for, neighbors might not be all students*

7. What are move-in costs? How do these costs compare for an apartment versus a dorm?

*Move-in costs are one-time expenses incurred when moving into a new place, such as security deposits, hook-up services such as phone, internet or cable TV, set-up costs/deposits for utilities, housekeeping expenses such as cleaning supplies, cooking and eating utensils (pots, pans, dishes, silverware, etc.). An apartment will have much higher move-in costs.*

8. What should you consider when choosing a roommate?

*Yours and your roommate's boundaries*

*What to share*

*Personal habits*

*Payment day*

9. Why should your roommate's name also be on a lease?

*Both of you are responsible for the rent and condition of the apartment.*

10. What questions should you ask before renting an apartment, besides "How much is the rent?"

*Who pays utilities?*

*How much are utilities?*

*Is there a resident manager or 24-hour emergency number?*

*Are there laundry facilities in the apartment? If not, where is the nearest laundromat?*

*Is there parking for the apartment? If not, where is the nearest mass transit stop?*

*What is the proximity to restaurants, banks, grocery stores, convenient stores, etc.?*

*How safe is the apartment – have there been any crimes or fires?*