









It's time to get a place of your own.

Will it be an apartment?

Or a spare room in a house?

That is up to you.

Finding the right place takes time.

But it's worth it.

It is a big step toward being independent.



How do you find a place to live?

First, pick the right area.

Look for places that you like.

Make sure the **rent** is low enough.

Go see places. Fill out forms.

Know what you can afford.

How much do you make each month?

Split it into three parts.

One part can be for rent.



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What about extras?

A pool. A parking spot.

These are nice to have.

But they cost more too.

Think about what you need.

Do you have a bike instead of a car?

Find places close to work or school.

Do you or a roommate have **special needs**?

Look for ramps and first-floor rooms.

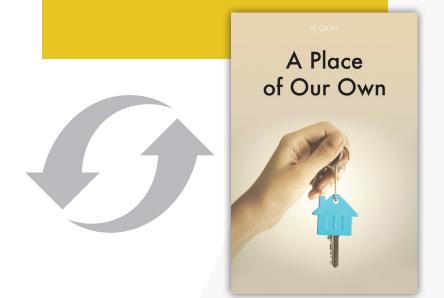
Do you have a dog or a cat?

Make sure the place allows pets.





What can go wrong when a person is looking for a place to live? Find out in A Place of Our Own. Want to read on?



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A Place of Our Own





"Are you ready to move out?" Jill asked Nina. "Because I am. Let's do it!"

Nina was happy to hear this. Living with her parents was okay. But she was ready to move out. She could not afford to live alone, though.

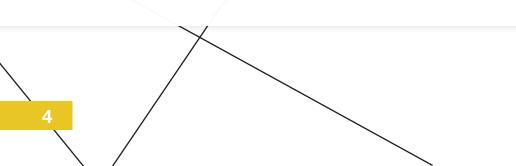
Jill still lived with her parents too. She was also ready to move out.

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Nina and Jill were best friends. The girls had finished high school last year. Now they attended a local college. They worked at the same shoe store. Both girls liked shoes. Nina liked them more. She bought a new pair whenever she could.

"We can split the rent," Nina said.

"Great," Jill said. "Remember, we need to live near school and work. I don't want to spend all day in traffic."



"Right," Nina said. "I agree. Traffic is bad."

"How do we find a place?" Jill asked.

"Let's look online," Nina said.

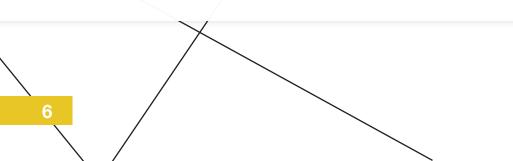
"Good idea," Jill said. "It's spring break soon. We can move in then. If we find a place."

Nina agreed.

Nina and Jill checked for apartments to rent. Each girl looked online. The girls shared what they found. They learned new things about each other.

Nina didn't mind spending money. She wanted to live someplace nice. Jill wanted to spend less money. She didn't care if the place wasn't perfect.

"This place is new," Nina said. "It's in the best part of town. Look, it has two bedrooms. Two bathrooms. And a pool and a gym."



Jill saw how much the rent was. "Wow!" she said. "I don't think I can afford that. Let's keep looking."

Nina was upset. She really liked the apartment. "Show me what you found," Nina said.

Jill showed Nina the online ad. "It's really cheap," Jill said.

Nina looked at the pictures. "No way," she said. "It's old. And did you see the street name?"



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