

Living on Your Own Activity:



Think about all the things you'll need to move out. Examples: bed, pillows, sheets, dresser, dishes, pots & pans, table, couch, etc.

Some of these things are more comforts than necessities.

Think about one room. If you're doing this activity at home look around the room you're in. If you're not at home think of a room (bedroom, kitchen, living room, etc.) Make a list of all the things you see in the room that you'd like to have at your own place and estimate their cost.

Item	Estimated Cost
	Total:

Then do a brief search on the Internet to find out the actual cost of the items you listed.

Item	Actual Cost

Total: _____

How did it compare with what you thought it would cost?

Did you overestimate the cost? Which items?

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What surprised you most in this activity?

Now think about furnishing an entire apartment.

It might be more cost effective to get roommates to help share the cost of living on your own.

Some apartments have heat and water included in the monthly rents.

Moving Costs

First Month Rent	\$
Last Month Rent	\$
Security Deposit	\$
Moving Cost	\$
Utility Deposit/Transfer (wifi)	\$

Total Moving Cost: _____



There are some great places to find more affordable furniture:

If you are on Facebook search for the “Buy Nothing [insert your city]” It’s a group that is always posting things such as furniture, kitchen appliances, clothing, etc.

Check out Boomerangs <http://www.shopboomerangs.org/>
It’s an awesome thrift store with all sorts of amazing finds.

There’s a furniture bank in Cambridge that needs a referral from your social worker. It has a lot of furniture at deeply discounted or free.

<https://www.mahomeless.org/under-one-roof>