

Ilyce Glink's Home Buying Wish List Template

From Ilyce's book, *100 Questions Every First Time Home Buyer Should Ask*.

Start with these questions:

1. How often do I go to the city? Suburbs? Country? Where would I rather be?
2. How long do I want to spend driving to work each day?
3. Do I have frequent guests? Do I need a separate guest room?
4. Do I work from home? Does my spouse or partner? Do we need separate office space?
5. Do I want a special play area for my children?
6. Will my children take a bus to school or walk, or will I have to drive them?
7. How far away is my house of worship?
8. Do I want a big garden?
9. Must I have a garage? For two cars? Three cars? Do I need a dedicated parking space?
10. How far away is the airport? Grocery store? Dry cleaner? Gym?
11. What is my favorite form of recreation and how far away is it?
12. Where does my family live? Where do my friends live? How far away from them do I want to be?
13. Do I want a home that is in mint condition (also called "blue ribbon" condition by some people in various parts of the country)? Or do I want to buy a small house on a large lot and fix it up or even add onto it over time?

You and your spouse or partner should each create your own wish lists and reality checks. After you're done, sit together and work through each item. Since you'll only be able to afford one home, create one wish list and one reality check from which to start your search.

See the next page for the start of a wish list. You can go beyond the numbers we've given you here.

My Wish List

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My Spouse/Partner's Wish List

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