

72 EFFECTIVE LANDLORD INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What is your reason for moving?
2. Describe your ideal landlord.
3. Describe the worst landlord you've ever had.
4. Describe the worst rental experience you've ever had.
5. What features of your previous apartment did you like?
6. What features of your previous apartment did you dislike?
7. What are the things you really must have in an apartment?
8. What are things you couldn't tolerate in a rental situation?
9. Describe a time when the landlord complained to you.
10. I'm a little worried over your lack of adequate income.
11. What are your reasons for wanting to live here?
12. Describe a difficult landlord you've had to deal with.
13. Describe a difficult neighbor you've had to deal with.
14. Describe a difficult roommate you've had to deal with.
15. What do you know about our building/management company?
16. What do you know about our neighborhood?
17. What two or three things are most important to you about an apartment?
18. What happened that you change apartments so frequently?
19. What do you think of your previous landlord?
20. There is a lot of activity in this building. Do you think you are up to it?
21. Why do you want to leave your present apartment?
22. Have you ever been asked to move?
23. Tell me about things that irk you.
24. You've been in the same apartment/part of town for so many years, how will you cope with the change?
25. What about your last living situation that bothered you the most?
26. What motivates you to complain to a neighbor or the landlord?
27. How creative a problem-solver are you?
28. Are you handy with a wrench and screwdriver?
29. Describe a large mistake you made when you were a tenant elsewhere.
30. How would you describe your ideal living situation?
31. How do you think your present/last landlord would describe you?
32. How do you think your present/last neighbor would describe you?
33. How would you rate yourself as a tenant?
34. You've lived in a house now for awhile, so why do you want move into an apartment?
35. Give me an example of a time you had to deal with complaints from a neighbor.
36. What's the most difficult living situation challenge you've faced in your life?

37. Could you explain in detail your experience with living on your own (in the private rental market).
38. Tell me about something your landlord did that you disliked.
39. Tell me about something your neighbor did that you disliked.
40. Tell me about something your roommate did that you disliked.
41. Describe to me your typical workday.
42. Have you ever had any problems with late rent payments?

43. How will you and your roommate(s) handle who pays what towards the rent and the rest of the utilities.
44. What are the three most important responsibilities of your present job?
45. What would you do with an individual who is very angry and complaining about you?
46. What do you expect from your landlord?
47. Describe a time that you dealt with a stressful living situation.
48. Can we check with your current landlord?

49. Can we check with your current employer?
50. Describe your style in dealing with a complaint to a neighbor or the landlord.
51. What would you find difficult from what you understand about renting this apartment.
52. What makes you qualified?
53. How do you handle stress?
54. How do you handle anger?

55. What was the most frustrating thing in your current (or last) rental?
56. Name some characteristics that you'll bring to this building that will make you a desirable tenant.
57. Have you ever had a scrape with the law?
58. Do you have financial responsibility for persons who will not be living with you full time?
59. Did you elect to move, or did you have to move from your last apartment?
60. I've noticed there was a period of time when you didn't list an address. Tell me about that.

61. You've been looking for an apartment for some time; what has taken so long to choose one?
62. Who else will be moving in with you?
63. Will work take you away a lot?
64. What kind of child-care arrangements do you usually make when you are not in the apartment?
65. Will you feel comfortable living here?
66. Tell me about your job: What do you do? Do you like it? Are you planning to change work?

67. What are your short and long-range housing goals?
68. Do you have plans to change jobs or transfer?
69. What have you learned renting from other apartments and landlords?
70. How do you think a former landlord or roommate would describe you?
71. Give me an example of a problem you've had renting and how you solved it.
72. Tell me about the kinds of parties you give.