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Moving day _____

Moving in together: a checklist for couples



Tick each one off together. Start about eight weeks before the move.

STAGE 1: TALK FIRST

- [ ] Why you are moving in now, said out loud by each of you.
- [ ] What a normal weekday looks like for each of you: wake-up time, work, evenings.
- [ ] How much time alone each of you needs, and where it will happen.
- [ ] How often friends and family will visit or stay.
- [ ] What each of you hopes will feel different once you live together.

STAGE 2: MONEY

- [ ] How rent or the mortgage is split.
- [ ] How bills, food and household things are split.
- [ ] Whether you open a shared account, or keep everything separate.
- [ ] Whose name goes on the lease, the bills and the deposit.
- [ ] What happens to shared things, and the deposit, if one of you moves out.

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STAGE 3: THE HOME

- [ ] Which furniture comes, which goes, and which you buy together.
- [ ] Who gets which shelves, drawers and wardrobe space.
- [ ] What happens with doubles: two kettles, two sofas, two sets of plates.
- [ ] How chores are shared, and how often things get cleaned.
- [ ] House rules you each care about: shoes indoors, the thermostat, guests on weeknights.

STAGE 4: MOVING DAY

- [ ] Pick the date, and book help or a van early.
- [ ] Collect boxes and label each one with its room.
- [ ] Set up the internet, electricity and water for the first day.
- [ ] Tell banks, work, doctors and the post office your new address.
- [ ] Pack a first-night box: bedding, a kettle, mugs, chargers, toiletries and snacks.

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Eterna asks each of you on your own and shows both answers side by side once you have both answered. Book 1 is free.

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