**Choose our Housing**

*Directions: Pick a scenario and find housing to fit the family’s needs. You must present your findings as to why you chose the housing you did and how it best fits the family’s wants/needs. You must also assess the town/city that you choose by filling out the questionnaire on the back page.*

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**SCENARIO 1:**

Housing Stipulations:

We will eventually be able to afford a house between **$150,000-250,000**

**OR**

Can afford **$1500-2,200 per/month rent**

Must be within 20 minutes of the town of New Paltz (close to Kiera’s parents to help take care of the new baby) and close to the thruway (easy to get to work)

**Wants/Needs**:

Large Kitchen

At least 2 bedrooms ( A baby on the way!)

Prefers deck/patio for grilling

Desires Air Conditioning

Prefers washer/dryer in house

Would like utilities included in monthly billing

Strongly desires a Dishwasher

Up-to-date or New style

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1. Choose housing for Keira and Jeff keeping in mind how much they can afford! (Get a picture(s) of it and put it in a slide show)

Remember to Check out the different types of Housing available like:

1. Houses www.for**sale**byowner.com or www.househunt.com/connecticut-real-estate/

2. Apartments www.apartmentguide.com

3. Condos www.condo4sale.com or www.justcondos.com

4. Town Houses www.homes.com

5. Mobile Homes www.mobilehome.net

6. Duplex www.homefinderconnect.com

2. List the Advantages and Disadvantages of the type of housing you chose:

Advantages: Disadvantages:

1. 1.

2. 2.

3. 3.

4. 4.

Scenario 2: Our Needs/Wants

Help us choose a place to live!

Housing Stipulations:

We will eventually be able to afford a house between **$150,000-200,000**

**OR**

Can afford **$1200-1,500 per/month rent**

Bob:

Needs:

To live somewhere in Ulster county (where his future job will be)

To live within an 45 minutes of our church (church we attend is in New Paltz)

**Wants:**

* Rec Room so he can play pool with his buddies
* To be at least 15 minutes away from both of our parents in Highland
* A gym close by to work out
* A yard (More country landscape)

Melinda:

**Needs:**

To be within a 45 minute commute to her job

To live within 45 minutes of our church

**Wants:**

* To live as cheaply as possible to save money for a custom built house
* To be at least an hour away from her parents in Stormville ny
* To live close (within 10 minutes) of a grocery store
* To live in a suburban town
* A safe neighborhood to run in
* To see trees & vegetation

**Likes:**

* Melinda’s favorite towns include: High falls, Woodstock, Stoneridge, New Paltz, and Gardner

Choose a Town or City for us to live in!

Assessing the Town/City

**Directions**: Answer **at least** 4 questions from this list. More is better!

(Hint: Google in the town/city’s name and look at its webpage for answers.

How much are property taxes?

What is there to do in the town/city?

What businesses are in the town/city?

What is near the city?

How safe is the community? (crime rate & police)

What is the population (people) like? (Ethnicity, Socioeconomic class, etc)

What are some interesting facts about the town/city?

What is the town/city known for?

What types of jobs do the people who live here hold? (ex. Mostly a farming

community)