

Finding a Home

Home Search Scenario—Libby's Dilemma

Libby is looking for a place to live. Can you help her? First decide which of the following are wants and which are needs, and then, using either the Internet or the newspaper, find at least three places where Libby could submit a rental application.

- ◆ Libby is a single mom with 2 daughters. They currently share a room.
- ◆ Libby receives \$400 a month in student financial aid, and she earns \$800 a month at her job. She also gets \$350 a month in child support.
- ◆ Libby works at _____.
- ◆ Libby attends classes at _____ College.
- ◆ The oldest daughter currently goes to Audubon Elementary, and Libby wants her daughter to remain in that school district after the move.
- ◆ The younger daughter goes to daycare at the _____.
- ◆ Libby does not have a car. She rides the bus to work and school.
- ◆ Libby has a goldfish in a bowl.
- ◆ Libby would like to be able to walk to the grocery store.
- ◆ Libby's children like to play outside. She wants to either be near a park, or live in a complex that has a playground.
- ◆ Libby grandma gave her a washer and dryer, so she would like a unit that has washer/dryer hook-ups.
- ◆ Libby's youngest daughter has asthma and must live in a smoke-free environment.

How much can Libby afford to spend on rent?
\$ _____

What are Libby's needs?

What are Libby's wants?

Is location a priority for Libby? Why or why not?

On the website _____ what information can you find out about the safety of the neighborhood in which Libby wants to live?

Write the results of your search here:

Choice #1 _____
Rent \$ _____
Bedrooms _____
Bus line? Yes or No
Audubon School? Yes or No
Pets? Yes or No
Smoking? Yes or No
Playground? Yes or No
W/D Hook-ups? Yes or No
Walk to store? Yes or No

Choice #2 _____
Rent \$ _____
Bedrooms _____
Bus line? Yes or No
Audubon School? Yes or No
Pets? Yes or No
Smoking? Yes or No
Playground? Yes or No
W/D Hook-ups? Yes or No
Walk to store? Yes or No

Choice #3 _____
Rent \$ _____
Bedrooms _____
Bus line? Yes or No
Audubon School? Yes or No
Pets? Yes or No
Smoking? Yes or No
Playground? Yes or No
W/D Hook-ups? Yes or No
Walk to store? Yes or No