

## Advice Column

# problems about *apartments and houses*

- Read the problems below and discuss possible solutions.



# Ask Anita!

**Dear Anita,**

My wife, kids and I hope that you can help us make a big decision in our lives. After years of carefully saving money, we now have enough to buy our own home. The problem, however, is location. My wife prefers to buy a spacious house in the suburbs, in a quiet neighborhood. But I would rather live in an apartment located downtown, close to hospitals, schools, shopping and work. Which do you think is better for our family?

**Jon**

**Dear Anita,**

I can't make up my mind. Which is better: renting a home and being a tenant, or getting a mortgage to buy and own a home? I'm really not sure which is the best thing to do. I know that there are many advantages and disadvantages to both. Can you give me some advice? Thanks very much.

**Cathy**

**Dear Anita,**

Hi Anita! I love reading your advice column and all the great suggestions you give people every week. I'm a university student in my second year, and (until now) I've been doing well in all of my classes. I share a small, furnished apartment with my friend, but unfortunately roommate is very noisy. I'm afraid that my grades will go down if I can't have more quiet time to sleep and study. I don't have enough money to I move into an apartment close to the university. Please help me! What can I do?

**Dawn**



- Compare your solutions with different classmates. Do you agree or disagree with their ideas?