

I'M OUTTA HERE!

**Moving to your own place and finally living on your own is something to look forward to. In order to move out successfully there are a few things you need to think about. In other words, this project is a “reality check.”
Enjoy!**

There are six components you must research and present appropriately. You are required to provide resources (for yourself and to share with others) such as newspapers (Penny Saver, The Record), catalogues (Canadian Tire, Ikea, Sears), an examples of bills (phone, cable). Within each component (except #6) requires a *cost analysis* section. This means breaking down the cost of the items within the component, comparing prices, and giving an accurate figure as to how much they will cost.

Due date:

Your completed project will include the following information and any other information you think may be important to declare, “I’m outta here!”

1. Apartment

You need to live somewhere! Therefore you need to find an apartment. Use the internet and resources to find a great place to live. Cost analysis includes rent and utilities. It also includes buying furniture and appliances to make your life easier. Is there anything else you need to consider when moving into a new place? What about parking or laundry facilities? Get some information on that too!

2. Meals and Personal Items

Ok. So you have a place to live. You must be getting hungry. Plan a detailed two week menu and a grocery list to match. You will also need personal items like shampoo, toothpaste and laundry detergent. Where are you going to shop and how much money should you budget for these things? Cost analysis includes detailed breakdown of the cost of groceries and personal items and how long they will last. For example, can you eat a box of KD in one meal or will you save some for the next one?

3. Bills

Sports Desk, MTV, Much Music, TLC ... all channels you need to watch right? Surprise! They cost money! What company will you choose to provide phone, cable and internet services? Have you considered your

heat and hydro? What about those tuition fees? Cost analysis includes connection fees, phone bill, internet costs, tuition fees.

4. Part Time Job

Uh-oh. The bills keep piling up. Time to get a part-time job. Where do you want to work? Research “help wanted” advertisements, company websites and/or newspapers. Cost analysis includes cost of transportation back and forth from your job, hourly wage, and total earnings per week.

5. Transportation

Now you've got lots of places to go, but how are you going to get there? Will you walk everywhere? Ride a bike, take the bus, or drive? Consider the efficiency and affordability of each option. Cost analysis includes individual tickets, monthly passes, gas and insurance.

6. Letter/E-mail Home

Your mom/dad/guardian will be wondering how you are doing. Send them a letter or e-mail describing your experiences of the first two weeks of living on your own. Be creative and imaginative. It must be a minimum of one page (minimum 500 words).

Your completed project may take a variety of forms. For example, you may wish to create a visual image of your apartment (cut and paste furniture into your ‘apartment’), you may include ‘help wanted’ ads, job postings, phone bills, or any other print material in a folder or on Bristol board. Be sure to include your name on each piece that is handed in. Take this time to explore your options and see that the ‘real world’ is really like! If you have any questions, please ask and have fun!

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REMINDERS ...

- ** You are living on your own ~~is~~ **NOT** with parents, **NOT** in residence
- ** Your parents are **NOT** providing anything *except* \$2000 for furniture
- ** You may need to bring a calculator to do your cost analysis
- ** You may want to research other areas such as entertainment costs
- ** If you find any other good sites/resources share them with your teacher

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Part Time Jobs

www.subway.com
www.mcdonalds.com
www.wendys.com
www.burgerking.com
www.pitapit.com
www.timhortons.com
www.countrystyle.com
www.suzyshier.com
www.bootlegger.com
www.chapters.indigo.ca
http://jb-ge.hrdc-drhc.gc.ca/Intro_en.asp
www.groovejob.com

Apartment Furnishings

www.sears.ca
www.ikea.com
www.canadiantire.ca
www.hbc.com/zellers/
www.walmart.com

Grocery

www.loblaws.ca
www.zehrs.ca
www.foodbasics.ca
www.sobeys.com
www.freshobsessed.com
www.flyermall.com

Bills

www.bell.ca
www.rogers.com
www.distributel.net
www.uniongas.com
www.hydroonenetworks.com
www.cogeco.ca

Housing

www.247apartments.com
www.homes4students.com
www.hrf.uwaterloo.ca/ochousing/
www.chfc.ca/eng/chf/about_5.htm
www.sublet.com
www.humber.ca/housing/offcampus/links.htm