

BETTER MONEY HABITS HIGH SCHOOL LESSON: THE TRUE COST OF RENTING A PLACE

HANDOUT 2.1 ANSWERS

1. What are three factors to consider when looking for a place to live?

Answers may vary but should include: how close to work, how close to family, how close to friends, the amount of space needed.

2. What is the 30 percent rule?

Take 30 percent of your gross income and allocate that to your general housing expenses, including utilities, insurance, and other costs associated with a place to live

3. What expenses should you expect to pay when renting a place to live?

Monthly rent, utilities (electric, gas, oil/fuel, water/sewer, garbage/trash, renter's insurance, other)

4. What options could you consider to reduce your monthly expenses when renting?

Answers may vary but should include: finding a roommate, finding a smaller place, other