

QUESTION DEVELOPMENT

In this study of roommate relationships, we are using a variety of questions. You can help us in our selection of questions for the final session by choosing, from the list of open-ended questions below, the five (5) questions which you would most like to have your roommate answer about you.

Since open-ended questions must be individually evaluated by independent judges, we are limited in the number that we can include on any one questionnaire. With this in mind, please choose only the five questions you would most like to have answered by your roommate later. Indicate the five questions you would most like to have included by responding with a “yes” to those you would like included and with a “no” to those you do not wish to be used. Remember, you are choosing the questions you would most like to have your roommate answer about you. To familiarize yourself with the total set of questions, you should read over the entire list once before deciding on the five questions you’d like your roommate to answer about you next time.

83) What do you see as your roommate’s most (physically) attractive features?

A=yes (include this question)

B=no (do not include this question)

84) Why do you think your roommate might have some difficulty becoming proficient (skilled) at many sport and games?

A=yes (include this question)

B=no (do not include this question)

85) What about your roommate makes you think she would be (or is) musically or artistically talented?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

86) What are some signs you have been that your roommate is above average in overall intellectual or academic ability?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

87) What are some signs you have seen that your roommate is not especially high in social skills?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

88) Why do you think your roommate might be popular with the opposite sex?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

89) What do you see as your roommate's least (physically) attractive features?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

90) What are some sports or games that you would expect your roommate to be especially good at? Why?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

91) What about your roommate makes you think she is not especially talented in art or music?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

92) What are some signs you have seen that your roommate has good social skills?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

93) Why do you think your roommate might be unpopular with the opposite sex?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

94) What are some signs you have seen that your roommate is below average in overall intellectual or academic ability?

A=yes (include)

B=no (do not include)

Please check back over your responses on items 83-94. You should have answered "A" (yes/include) to exactly five items and "B" (no/do not include) to exactly seven items. Also, please check quickly over the entire questionnaire to be sure you did not leave any items blank.

*****IMPORTANT FINAL NOTE*****

After filling out this questionnaire, many of you will probably be tempted to discuss some of the questions with your roommate. It is very important that you do not do so at this stage of the project. We have found that such discussions bias the answers people give on subsequent questionnaires. Therefore, those who discuss the project cause losses to themselves as well as to us, by invalidating the information they give on later questionnaires. So, it is crucial that you avoid the temptation to discuss the project. Just as you are trusting us to keep all of your responses confidential, we are trusting you not to discuss the project with your roommate until it is completed. Thank for your help with this important matter.

