If you want to recommend a way to reduce living expenses for your friend, which of the following will you choose? Why?

* Find a roommate to share a room
* Do not buy the latest mobile phone, Buy new technological devices less Frequently
* Buy cheap foods and cook home (do not often eat outside)

Nowadays, majority of people are dealing with economic problems and seek a way to cut back on their living expenses. Although buying cheap foods and sticking to the old technological devices might be helpful for reducing one’s spending, I’m of the opinion that having a roommate to go halves on your house expenses is the most efficient way, in addition to other privileges that it possesses. In what follows, I will try to elaborate on my viewpoint through two reasons.

To begin with, I think most people cannot afford the costs of renting a house on their own, and it is believed to be the highest expense on their monthly bills. Due to the cities’ overpopulation in the recent years, it is hard to find a room with a fair price, so finding a roommate to share the expenses can be quite helpful. As a case in point, when I got admission to the university where was in the capital and far from my hometown, I searched days to find rooms with reasonable prices. When I found out that it wasn’t affordable within my budget, I decided to share a room with one of my classmates. Not only could I eventually afford the room, but I also invested the rest of my money in the stock market and spent it on my thesis project. Therefore, I would highly recommend that others find a roommate to share the prices with, as well.

Another worthwhile reason is that I believe having a roommate can be beneficial in other aspects, besides reducing the living costs. It is a great opportunity to practice how to get along with people from different walks of life. A person can learn making little sacrifices, as they are in a give-and-take relationship, to be able to live alongside another one who might have totally different personality or habits. Thereby, enhancing their patience and social skills. In this regard, my own experience is a compelling example. When I first started to live with the aforementioned roommate, we had a difficult time. I used to sleep early while she would stay up late; I was obsessive about everything being clean and tidy, but she was the exact opposite! Only with time could we meet in the middle. The lessons I’ve learned and experienced about making compromises during that time has always been on my mind since then, and it helped me a lot in my married life.

To conclude, if I were to advise one of my friends on how to decrease their costs, I would definitely suggest finding a roommate. The fact that houses are highly priced and unaffordable, in combination with the advantages of learning how to get along with different people and make compromises are what makes me hold this view.

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