**Topic: 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)**

In this day and age, living expenses are escalating for many people, so in order to diminish the living costs, people have various suggestions; including but not limited to, buying cheap foods and cooking at home, not buying new technological devices regularly, or finding a roommate to share a room. I personally believe the latest suggestion is the most efficient solution for this problem.

To begin with, it is crystal clear that buying, or renting a room can be excessively expensive for one person alone. For buying a place to live in, he most likely would get a loan, so he should pay for it monthly. If he rents a place he should pay the rent every month either; thereby, having a roommate could be an enormous help. They can divide that monthly expense which can reduce living costs for two people simultaneously. For example, when I first moved to another city for my work, I started to live solitarily because I thought it would not cost me so much. I believed if I did not buy new phones, or did not go to restaurants, I can save adequate money. But that was an inaccurate decision, due to the fact that I had to pay most of my money for renting my apartment. Thus the next year I made a deal with my friend who also had the same problem. We decided to move in to one place, and decrease our living expenses that way which indisputably benefited both of us.

In addition, not only would sharing a room with another person help people decrease the renting expense, but also it would diminish the money they should pay for the bills or the staple stuff of the house. Therefore, by sharing a room with someone, one can reduce his living expenses in numerous ways. For instance, when I first shared my apartment with my friend, I thought it would be beneficial only because I needed to pay half of the renting price. But as we started to live together, I realized that we also pay half of each bill, like electricity bill, or gas bill. Not to mention, since we split the household chores, we could cook at home easily and frequently as we had more time for cooking at home when we did all the household chores, like cooking intermittently. Hence, we reduced our living costs by eating at home more often as well which was another advantage of having a roommate.

In conclusion, based on the aforementioned reasons I firmly recommend my friend to find a roommate if he wants to decrease his living expenses since it can lessen his living costs more than any other option, and it has the added benefit of getting priceless memories of sharing a room with someone, and adapting himself to a new situation and gaining novel experiences.

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