# Worksheet: What Terms Do I Want

This worksheet helps you think about the terms you want in the agreement. It also connects the worksheet with questions in the next section.

Do not give this worksheet to the landlord, the landlord’s lawyer, or the mediator. It is only for you to use. Make notes on it and use it to help you remember the things you want when you are negotiating.

1. **Do I want to stay?**
   - [ ] I want to stay. [ ] I want to move.

2. **If I have to move:**
   - [ ] How much time do I need to find another place and move?
   - [ ] Do I want to pay rent so I can stay longer?
   - [ ] What are the trade-offs of moving sooner or paying rent so I can stay longer?

3. **If I owe rent:**
   - [ ] What is the total I owe? ____________
     For what months?
   - [ ] Do I have proof that I paid rent, like receipts or cancelled checks?
     - [ ] Yes  [ ] No
   - [ ] In addition to my current rent, how much back rent can I afford to pay and still pay for food transportation and other basic needs?

4. **If I have a housing subsidy and I owe rent:**
   - [ ] My rent is not calculated correctly.
   - [ ] My rent should be changed because my household size or income changed.
   - [ ] I need to move because I am in the wrong sized apartment.

**Question 5**
How much time can I ask for if I have to move?

**Question 6**
What if the landlord does not give me enough time to move?

**Question 7**
What if I owe rent?

**Question 8**
Will I lose my rental voucher if I make an agreement?
5. **Does my landlord owe me any money?**
   - I paid a security deposit or last month’s rent. If yes:
     - The landlord did not put my security deposit into a separate bank account
     - I did not get interest due for my security deposit and last month’s rent.
   - My landlord entered my apartment without my permission.
   - My landlord did something to get back at me for standing up for my rights.
   - My landlord broke other laws. If yes, explain:

6. **If I have lived with bad conditions, what are they?**
   - How long did I live with these conditions?
   - I had no heat or no water.
   - Lead paint was in my unit when I was pregnant or my child was less than 6.
   - The landlord knew about the bad conditions.
   - I have proof of the bad conditions.
   - The bad conditions should lower the amount of rent I owe.
   - The following repairs need to be made:

7. **If my landlord is evicting me for a reason that is my fault:**
   - Is it my fault? Yes No
   - What is my side of the story?
   - Is the eviction related to a disability that someone in my household has?
   - Can I do anything to show the landlord there will be no more problems?

8. **Is there anything else I need in my agreement?**

9. **Which Stipulation form should I use?**
   - See Forms on page 599

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**Question 3**
Did my landlord violate my rights?

**Question 13**
What if my landlord asks me to give up my rights?