

# Worksheet: What Terms Do I Want

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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?

## 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?

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## 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?

## Question 7

What if I owe rent?

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## 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 8

Will I lose my rental voucher if I make an agreement?

<p><b>5. Does my landlord owe me any money?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I paid a security deposit or last month's rent. If yes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The landlord did not put my security deposit into a separate bank account</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I did not get interest due for my security deposit and last month's rent.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My landlord entered my apartment without my permission.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My landlord did something to get back at me for standing up for my rights.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> My landlord broke other laws. If yes, explain:</li> </ul>	<p><b>Question 3</b> Did my landlord violate my rights?</p> <p><b>Question 13</b> What if my landlord asks me to give up my rights?</p>
<p><b>6. If I have lived with bad conditions, what are they?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How long did I live with these conditions?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I had no heat or no water.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Lead paint was in my unit when I was pregnant or my child was less than 6.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The landlord knew about the bad conditions.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> I have proof of the bad conditions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Photos. <input type="checkbox"/> Letters. <input type="checkbox"/> Board of Health Report <input type="checkbox"/> Witnesses.</li> </ul> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The bad conditions should lower the amount of rent I owe.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The following repairs need to be made:</li> </ul>	
<p><b>7. If my landlord is evicting me for a reason that is my fault:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is it my fault? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What is my side of the story?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is the eviction related to a disability that someone in my household has?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Can I do anything to show the landlord there will be no more problems?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>8. Is there anything else I need in my agreement?</b></p>	<p><b>Question 10:</b> What should I agree to?</p>
<p><b>9. Which Stipulation form should I use?</b></p>	<p>See Forms on page 599</p>