

## A Home of Their Own



Abida and Aron both have good jobs and have been saving for a down payment on a house for a long time. After several years they qualify for a mortgage. They're both excited and anxious about purchasing their first home. Before they meet with a real estate agent, they consider which features they are looking for and write a list.

Aron says, "I'd like to have a garage so that I can fix cars on the weekend." Aron is a mechanic and he often fixes cars after work to earn extra income. The extra income will help Aron and Abida make the monthly mortgage payments. Abida thinks a garage will be a good place to store Aron's tools and the children's bicycles.

Abida believes that the kitchen is the heart of the home because she loves to cook and entertain friends. It will be an important feature to consider when they buy a house. She needs lots of cabinet space and cupboards so she can keep her kitchen organized. Aron would like a kitchen large enough to fit a family-sized dining table. Abida likes to grow her own herbs for cooking inside on the kitchen counter. She knows her herbs need plenty of sunshine. She's hoping for a kitchen window that faces south, so that the sunlight shines into the kitchen all day.

Aron and Abida need two full bathrooms in the house because they have five children. It's important to have a bathtub and shower in both bathrooms

because their house is very busy in the morning. They realize how important it is to purchase a house with clean bathroom fixtures in good condition.

Aron and Abida discuss all the features they're looking for in a new home. Now they're ready to call a real estate agent. After all these years, they will finally have a house of their own.