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Purchasing a house can be either very quick and straight forward, or a long, complicated and drawn out process. Many buyers, particularly first-time buyers, find the latter to be true. They often start the endeavor without a clear idea of what they are looking for and have nothing to gauge against the houses they see. That's why having an experienced agent helps!

There is a very simple, easy and effective remedy that can help ensure home buyers acquire the home of their dreams.

The first step is for the buyer to think, in detail, about what they need, what they would like and what would be an added bonus, all the while, keeping the budget in mind.

The second stage is to investigate if the house they are viewing meets their specifications. A comparison worksheet is the ideal way to record your findings and observations about each house you view.

House Hunting Comparison Worksheet - House 1

What materials is the house made of?	

What are the likely upkeep and repair costs?

What type of windows does the house have?

What materials are the windows made of?

Will the house require updating and additional security installations?

How much ground comes with the property?

What type of upkeep will be required?

Is it fenced or walled - could it be if necessary?

Is there parking and what type – garage, drive or on street parking?

The immediate neighbourhood – Observation

Is the street clean?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Are bins and recycling containers kept tidy?	☐ Yes	☐ No
What state are the other front gardens in?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Is every house the same?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Are their signs of children – teenagers or young adults?	☐ Yes	☐ No
What is the state of the cars in driveways or on the street?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Is there any street lighting?	☐ Yes	☐ No

Interior of the house

How much natural light is available?

Could more natural light be easily added?

How much work is needed on the structure?

How much work is needed on the decor?

How high are the ceilings?

What type of heating does the house utilize?

Is it open concept?	☐ Yes	☐ No

The immediate neighbourhood: Talking to the neighbours

Do they want to talk?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Are they pleasant?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Do they respond readily to questions about the area?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Is their attitude overall positive or negative?	☐ Yes	☐ No
What do they think of others living on the street?	☐ Yes	☐ No
What were the previous owners of the house like?	☐ Yes	☐ No
Is it generally quiet or noisy and what causes the noise?	☐ Yes	☐ No
What is it like at night / during the day?	☐ Yes	☐ No
What are the schools like?	☐ Yes	☐ No
What entertainment is nearby?	☐ Yes	☐ No

What is the public transportation like?

House Hunting Comparison Worksheet - House 2

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Is it fenced or walled - could it be if necessary?

Is there parking and what type – garage, drive or on street parking?

The immediate neighbourhood – Observation

	Yes	No
Is the street clean?	☐	☐
Are bins and recycling containers kept tidy?	☐	☐
What state are the other front gardens in?	☐	☐
Is every house the same?	☐	☐
Are their signs of children – teenagers or young adults?	☐	☐
What is the state of the cars in driveways or on the street?	☐	☐
Is there any street lighting?	☐	☐

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Is their attitude overall positive or negative?	☐	☐
What do they think of others living on the street?	☐	☐
What were the previous owners of the house like?	☐	☐
Is it generally quiet or noisy and what causes the noise?	☐	☐
What is it like at night / during the day?	☐	☐
What are the schools like?	☐	☐
What entertainment is nearby?	☐	☐

What is the public transportation like?

House Hunting Comparison Worksheet - House 3

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What type of windows does the house have?

What materials are the windows made of?

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Not every question will be relevant to every home viewed. Homeowners looking at condos may want to ask questions about shared amenities and community events. Young working singles/couples may be more interested in the potential nightlife than in the school district.

When buying a home, it is important to consider your future at the home. Don't focus solely on just questions related to the current situation.

If you can find a property that meets your needs, has some of your wants and can be worked on, then you are headed in the right direction.

Sharing the list and priorities with your agent will aid you in finding houses and areas that are more suited to your specific needs. By highlighting the most important questions, they can save time, effort and money.

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