

BENEFITS AND RESPONSIBILITIES CHART—TEACHER ANSWER KEY

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<p>Benefits</p> <p>Interest rate and property taxes are tax deductible.</p> <p>Homes offer privacy from neighbors.</p> <p>Homeowners become part of the community.</p> <p>A home is a source of pride if cared for.</p> <p><i>Possible Answers from Mortgage Statement</i></p> <p><i>Homeowner may have choices in the amount of money they pay each month—minimum, full, or interest only.</i></p> <p><i>Homeowners have a long time (many years) to pay off a loan.</i></p>	<p>Benefits</p> <p>Cheaper in costs than owning a home.</p> <p>Allows you to relocate to a new location or property easier.</p> <p>The landlord or property owner is responsible for maintenance of the property, not the renter.</p> <p><i>Possible Answers from Rental Agreement</i></p> <p><i>Appliances are provided by the landlord.</i></p>

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<p>Responsibilities</p> <p>Homeowners need money and the ability to pay for the beginning costs of a home loan.</p> <p>Homeowners pay the monthly mortgage, plus homeowner’s insurance and property taxes.</p> <p>Homeowners may be responsible for closing costs and additional fees.</p> <p>Homeowners are responsible for all repairs and maintenance on the home.</p> <p>Outside property must also be maintained.</p> <p>Utility bills are the responsibility of the homeowner.</p> <p><i>Possible Answers from Mortgage Statement</i></p> <p><i>Homeowners are responsible for late fees, prepayment penalties.</i></p> <p><i>Appliances are bought by the homeowner (inferred from rental agreement).</i></p>	<p>Responsibilities</p> <p>Renters must follow the rules of the lease agreement.</p> <p>Renters may be responsible for utilities.</p> <p>Renters usually pay a deposit fee.</p> <p>Renters may need to give written notice prior to leaving an apartment.</p> <p>Renter’s insurance is the responsibility of the renter in case of fire or burglary.</p> <p><i>Possible Answers from Rental Agreement</i></p> <p><i>Renters may have to pay late fees.</i></p> <p><i>Renters may experience a price increase once the first lease expires.</i></p> <p><i>Renters may need to pay a deposit on the apartment.</i></p>