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The TOP 5 QUESTIONS

Every First-Time Homebuyer Should Ask

1. What should I look for in a great realtor?

Having your own real estate agent, who is referred to as a buyer's agent, means that person works for you and will look out for your best interests. The real estate commission is normally paid by the seller, so having a buyer's agent costs you nothing and ensures that you are fairly represented. Ask family and friends for referrals, obtain references from previous clients and interview several agents before choosing yours.

2. What should I look for in a great mortgage lender?

Choose a lender with a track record of helping first-time buyers through every stage of the mortgage process. Interview your lender and be sure that they clearly answer all of your questions prior to granting authorization to obtain your credit bureau report. Ask for a list of all fees associated with the loan to understand your total costs and don't be shy about asking for each to be explained. Find out if they keep or "sell off" your loan after settlement and if they provide local customer service through the life of the loan.

3. What is PMI and do I need it?

PMI stands for private mortgage insurance and protects the lender if you stop making payments on your loan. The cost of this insurance is added on to your monthly mortgage payment and is typically required when buyers have less than 20% down. PMI offers no benefit to homebuyers and making PMI payments does not build equity in your home. There is NEVER any PMI with an Uncommon Mortgage from Embassy Bank, even with as little as 10% down!

4. What are closing costs and how much should they be?

Closing costs are service fees and other expenses required to close your loan. Lenders are required to disclose these costs to you upfront. They can vary depending on the purchase price of your home, but most people pay 2%-5% of the purchase price. Be sure to ask for clarification on any costs you don't understand.

5. How much do I need to have saved?

Typical down payment money will range from 5% to 20% of the sale price, plus closing costs. Your mortgage lender will provide your monthly mortgage payment figure, but remember to budget for costs beyond your monthly mortgage payment, too. Property insurance, real estate taxes, home repairs and maintenance, heating fuel, electric and other utilities are all additional costs associated with owning a home. To help you achieve your goal of homeownership, some lenders allow assistance, such as seller assist and gift money.

Have more questions?

Visit our site or call a member of our **uncommonmortgage** lending team today!



LOWER UPFRONT COSTS

- As little as 10% down
- No PMI (Private Mortgage Insurance)
- Super-low closing costs



SAVE MONEY LONG-TERM

- Biweekly payments at no extra cost – pay your mortgage off sooner and save thousands in interest!
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