

## Is an au pair right for your family?

So, you've heard great things about the au pair system, perhaps from friends or parents at your children's school, and are wondering if it might be right for your family.

But, what does hosting an au pair entail? And, is it right for your family? Take the short quiz below to find out.

**1. Do you have one or more children (aged 16 or younger) living in your home?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**2. Do you have an extra bedroom (and ideally a separate bathroom) in your home?**

- a) Yes
- b) No

**3. How much time do you have to find your next childcare solution?**

- a) I have plenty of time (e.g. one to three months)
- b) I am in a rush (need a solution by yesterday)

**4. Does your schedule change often? Could you benefit from additional flexibility?**

- a) Yes, our schedule can be crazy, any additional flexibility is always welcome
- b) No, our schedule is fixed in advance, we rarely need additional childcare coverage

**5. Could you use additional help around the house?**

- a) Yes, a bit of help with light household chores or errands would be great
- b) Not really, we have all the help we need already

**6. Do you need a full-time caregiver, or are there specific times during the day when you need help?**

- a) We mainly need help in the early mornings and/ afternoons. The caregiver would have the morning off to pursue language learning, etc
- b) We need a full-time caregiver

**7. Are you interested in an intercultural exchange?**

- a) Yes, I love learning about other countries and cultures and would love to expose my children to the cultural exchange
- b) Not really, I could do without the hassle

**8. Are you willing to invest time in a relationship with a caregiver, and share your family life with them, including dinners together, some weekend activities, etc.?**

- a) Yes, that sounds interesting
- b) No, that would not work for my family

**9. How easy is it for you to communicate with someone who does not speak your language fluently?**

- a) That is fine, I enjoy helping people learn
- b) I have trouble communicating with and trusting someone who does not speak my language fluently

**10. Is cost a factor in your decision?**

- a) The more cost-effective the childcare solution, the better the fit
- b) Not at all, cost is no object

If you have answered a) to most of the above, an au pair might be right for your family. If you answered mostly b), you might be better off with a more traditional nanny.

Either way, email us at [info@amazingpairs.com](mailto:info@amazingpairs.com) or give us a call at +34 669424414, we'd love to speak about it together!