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With real estate prices ever on the rise, first-time home buyers are facing more difficulties
Mortgage lenders have acknowledged the problem by creating new and innovative mortgage products

The latest and most exotic mortgages out there include:

1. The 40-Year Mortgage
2. The Portable Mortgage
3. The Interest-Only Mortgage
4. The Negative Amortization Mortgage
5. The Flex-ARM Mortgage
6. The Piggy Back Mortgage
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9. Loan Modification Mortgage
10. Short-Term Hybrids

1. The 40-Year Mortgage

This is similar to a 30-year fixed rate mortgage, except the payment is being stretched over a 40-year term.
A 40-year mortgage gives you lower monthly payments than a 30-year loan, while allowing you to pay off the loan faster.
But by extending the length of the mortgage, you are increasing the amount of interest paid over the life of the loan.
These mortgages are best suited for first-time home owners who don't plan to live in the home for the entire term.

2. The Portable Mortgage

E*Trade has a program called Mortgage on the Move. It allows a home buyer to lock in a low interest rate for the next 30 years.
When interest rates are low - and looking to rise - locking in a rate for the next 30 years is a good idea.
But interest rates for portable and second mortgages are higher than for standard loans. You may not be able to get a low rate.
This product is good for those who know they will move in a few years, but still want to lock in a low rate.

3. The Interest-Only Mortgage

With an interest-only mortgage, the lender allows the borrower to pay only the interest for the first few years.
This gives you a smaller monthly payment during the interest-only repayment period, and during the principal repayment period.
But if home prices don't rise, your equity won't build during the interest-only years. When you do pay principal, you'll be paying more than the interest on the loan.

This type of mortgage is great if you know for sure that your income will rise significantly in the future.

4. The Negative Amortization Mortgage

This interest-only type of mortgage allows a buyer to pay less than the full amount of interest each month.

This gives you the option of a much smaller monthly payment during the first years of a loan.

But, this is probably the most risky mortgage available. If the value of your home falls, you could owe more than you own.

These loans are great for those with large cash reserves who need to make lower payments during the first few years.

5. The Flex-ARM Mortgage

This is a cross between a hybrid ARM, which offers a low fixed interest rate for the first five years, and a fully adjustable ARM.

The bank handles all of the calculations for you. But if not used wisely, you could owe more than you own.

A Flex-ARM is good for those who prefer to have options. The borrower should have large cash reserves to cover any increase in payments.

6. The Piggy-back Mortgage

This is actually two mortgages, one on top of the other. The first mortgage covers 80% of the purchase price.

In most cases, borrowers choose a piggy-back mortgage because it allows them to put less than 20% down.

Homeowners should expect to pay a higher interest rate on a second mortgage. The rates you pay are usually higher than the first.

Piggy-back mortgages are a good fit for young professionals with reasonably high salaries, but they can be expensive.

7. 103s and 107s

You may not need to save for a down payment at all. You could borrow 3% or 7% more than your home's value.

These loans give you the option of borrowing money needed for closing costs and moving costs.

The interest rates for these mortgages are high. You run the risk of negative equity if your home's value drops.

If you have large cash reserves that work better for you in the stock market than in investing in real estate, these loans might be a good option.

8. Home Equity Line of Credit

These aren't just for those who own a home! They are commonly known as HELOCs, and they can be used for a variety of purposes.

HELOCs can offer more attractive interest rates. You can also use the equity you build in your home to get a loan.

HELOCs are usually structured for 10 to 20 years, instead of 30. The interest rate is variable and can change frequently.

If you want to pay off your home quickly, but need the ability to access your equity at any time, a HELOC might be a good option.

9. Loan Modification Mortgage

This mortgage allows you to change your terms whenever you want, all you have to pay is a \$1,000 fee.

You can expect to pay about 3/8th of a percentage point higher interest rate.

People who like to follow interest rates can call and have their rate changed when interest rates change.

10. Short-Term Hybrids

These mortgages are much like traditional hybrid ARMs with fixed-rate periods and then interest
The interest rates are very low for the fixed portion of the loan, making the initial monthly
But six months or a year is not a very long period of time, but rates can change dramatically
People who plan to flip a house or move in a very short period of time are good candidates for

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