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HOME LIFE WITH FLATMATES



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HOME LIFE

Look at the pictures of people living alone and with someone. Work in pairs and discuss the questions below.









Who do you live with? Do you like living alone or with other people? Why?

Do people in your country usually share a house or flat with other people who are not their family?

What are the good things about living alone or with other people?

Do you think you are an easy person to live with? Why or why not?



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REAL LIFE WITH A FLATMATE

Look at the pictures and situations below. Decide what you think about each one. Explain your choices.

Write next to each picture:

- *O – if you think it's okay*
- *B – if you think it's bad*
- *F – if you think it's funny*



Your flatmate never washes the dishes.



Your flatmate uses your shampoo.



Your flatmate sings loudly in the shower.



Your flatmate cleans the kitchen every day.



Your flatmate leaves socks on the floor.



Your flatmate always listens to music while cleaning.



Your flatmate talks on the phone very loudly.



Your flatmate always leaves many mugs around the flat.



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GUESS THE PROBLEM!

1. Look at the pictures below. Think about what problem people might have in a shared home. Write your ideas under each picture.













2. Work in pairs or small groups. Compare your ideas and talk about your predictions. Use the phrases below.

Sharing your idea:

I think this picture shows...
My idea is...
Maybe the problem is...
For me, it looks like...
I believe it's about...

Agreeing:

Yes, me too.
I agree.
I think the same.
That's the same as my idea.
Good point.

Asking about your partner's idea:

What do you think?
And you?
What's your idea?
Do you think the same?
What problem do you see?

Disagreeing:

Maybe, but I think...
I'm not sure.
I think it's something different.
Hmm... maybe not.
I have another idea.



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FLATMATE LIFE

Read the text. Match each paragraph with the correct heading from the list on the left. There are two extra headings.

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b) Can someone help me here?

c) Why is everyone waiting?

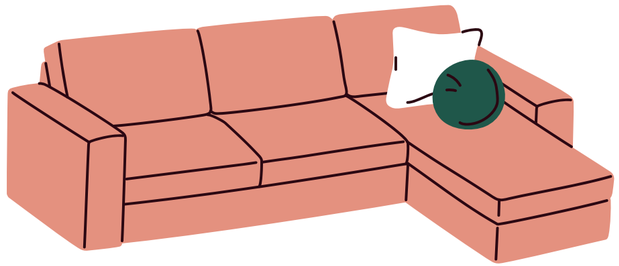
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f) Too much noise tonight

g) We like things differently

h) Where is my snack?



Living with another person is a big part of today's life. Many people share a flat with a friend, a classmate, or even someone they don't know very well. Living together can be fun and exciting — but sometimes a bit stressful too. Here are some real things that happen in shared homes, and simple ideas to make life easier.

1. _____

In many flats, the kitchen doesn't stay clean for long. Dirty plates stay in the sink, and food stays on the table. This often happens because people feel tired or say, "I will clean later."

A simple fix is to have a short cleaning time after meals. Ten minutes is enough. Some flatmates put on a song and clean together. It's fast, and the kitchen looks good again.

2. _____

People have different habits. One person goes to bed early. Another watches videos or listens to music at night. In a small flat, this can be a problem.

A good idea is to start "quiet time" after an hour you both choose, for example after 10 p.m. People can use headphones or keep the sound low. Some flatmates even send funny messages like, "Shhh... quiet time!"

3. _____

This happens in many shared homes: you open the fridge and your yoghurt or biscuit is missing. Sometimes people take food by mistake or forget it belongs to someone else.

Just choose a shelf or small basket in the fridge. Some people write small friendly notes, like "Please don't take this". It keeps things clear for everyone.

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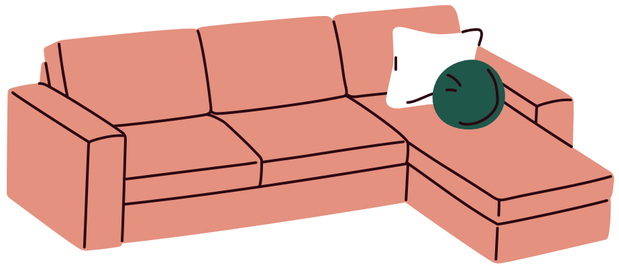
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4. _____

Morning time can feel very busy in a shared flat. Two or three people need the bathroom, but there is only one shower. Someone stays in the bathroom too long, and other people need to wait.
An easy fix is to plan short bathroom times, like ten minutes each in the morning.

5. _____

People are different. One person wants the window open, another feels cold. One person likes bright lights, another prefers soft lights. These small differences can make people feel a bit angry.
Talking helps. Flatmates can make small, simple plans, like opening the window for five minutes, or using a small lamp in the evenings. Little things can make life easier for everyone.

6. _____

Many people study or work from home now. This means more online meetings and online lessons. Sometimes two people need a room with no noise at the same time.
A good idea is to plan who uses which room and when. Some flatmates put a small note on the door saying, “Video call — back in 20 minutes.” This helps everyone know what is happening.

Living together is never perfect, but it doesn’t need to be difficult. When people talk, help a bit, and stay kind, even small flats feel friendly. And with a few simple rules, shared living can be easy — and many times, fun too.

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FLATMATE LIFE

Read the text again if needed and choose the correct answers.

1. What is this text about?

A. Different types of homes.

B. Living with other people.

C. How to find a new flatmate.

D. Problems with neighbours.

2. Why does the kitchen get messy in shared flats?

A. Because people don't care.

B. Because people feel tired or plan to clean later.

C. Because the kitchen is very old.

D. Because nobody knows how to clean.

3. What can flatmates do to make mornings easier?

A. Wake up very early.

B. Use the bathroom very fast.

C. Get ready the night before.

D. Have a shower at work.

4. What can help with food problems in shared flats?

A. Buying all food together.

B. Eating at different times.

C. Cooking for each other every day.

D. Using different shelves in the fridge.

5. What helps when two people need a quiet room at the same time?

A. Planning who uses which room.

B. Going outside.

C. Having meetings together.

D. Closing all the doors.

6. What time does the text suggest for "quiet time"?

A. 8 p.m.

B. 9 p.m.

C. 10 p.m.

D. 11 p.m.

7. What is the main message of the text?

A. Living together is always difficult.

B. People should make very big rules.

C. It is better to live alone.

D. Small rules can make living together easier.



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LET'S TALK!

Work in pairs or small groups. Read and discuss the questions below.

Which problem from the text do you think happens most in real life? Why?

What is the easiest problem to fix? What is the hardest?

Do you think "quiet time" is a good idea in a shared flat? Why or why not?

Do you think it's easy to keep a shared home clean? Why?

In your opinion, what makes a "good flatmate"? Why?

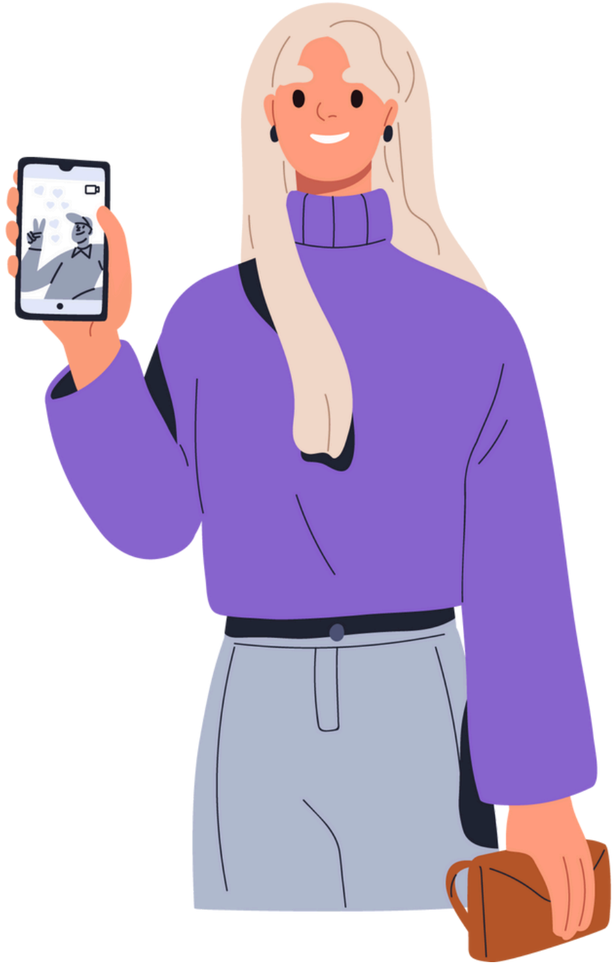


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CAN YOU RELATE?

Work in pairs or small groups. Read the statements below. For each statement, rate how much you can relate to it on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 = not at all, 5 = very much). After rating, explain your choice.



Shared living is always better than living alone.	1	2	3	4	5
Noise at night doesn't make shared living difficult.	1	2	3	4	5
People always need a quiet place for calls or study.	1	2	3	4	5
A messy home always makes life difficult.	1	2	3	4	5
Missing food is the biggest problem in shared living.	1	2	3	4	5
Simple rules can fix every problem at home.	1	2	3	4	5

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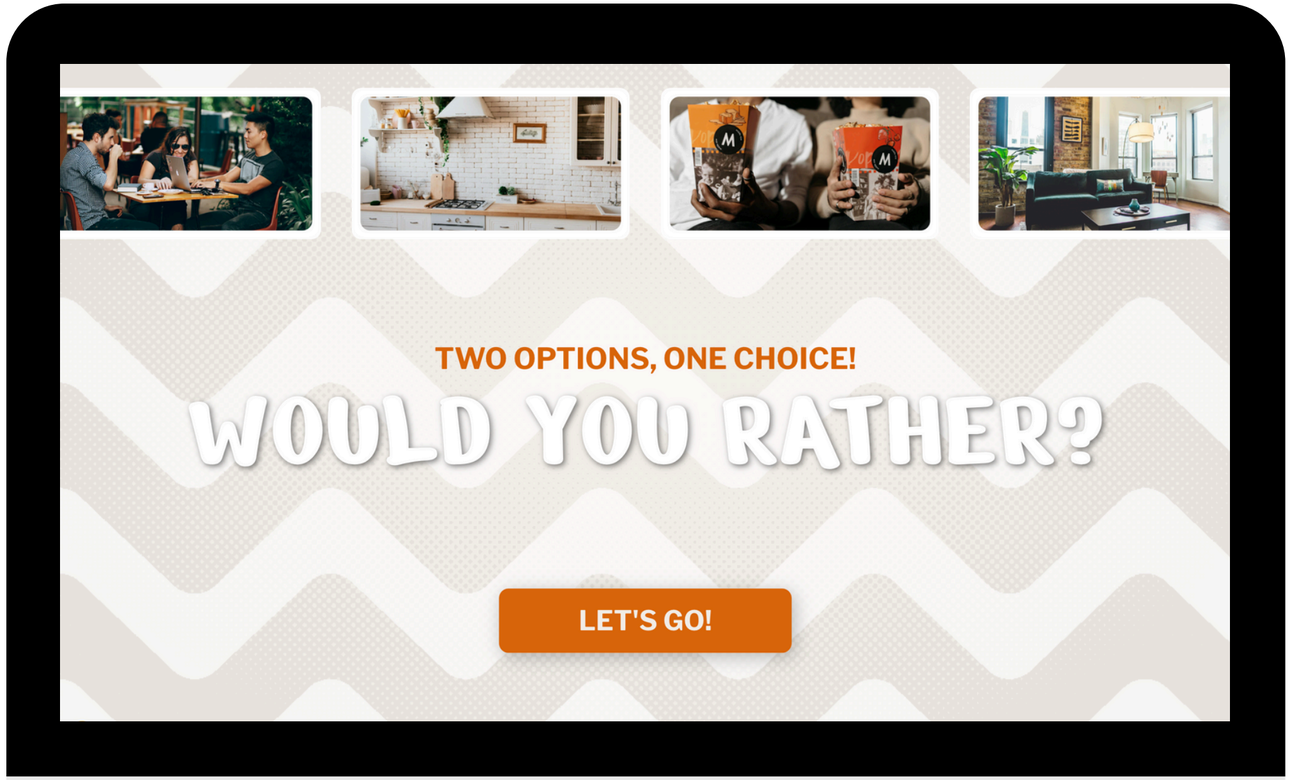
WOULD YOU RATHER

Choose one option from the question and explain your choice.

Tell your partner or small group why this option is better for you.

Good luck!





PLAY NOW

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ROLE-PLAY

Work in pairs. Imagine that you are the flatmates. Student A chooses a problem. Student B listens and suggests a solution using the phrases. Then swap roles. Try 2–3 different problems.

Student A — Choose a Problem

- You always leave the window open, and I feel cold.
- You move my things, and then I can't find them.
- Your friends come to the flat too often.
- You finish the toilet paper and don't change it.
- You take very long naps on the sofa, so I can't sit there.
- You use my mug every day.
- You borrow my phone charger and don't put it back.
- You leave your wet towel on my chair.
- You forget to close the door when you leave.
- You always leave the light on in the room.



Student B — Suggest a Solution

- *Maybe we can…*
- *Let's try to…*
- *Can we have…?*
- *How about…?*
- *We can make a small rule.*
- *Let's talk about it.*
- *We can take turns.*
- *We can use a note to help.*
- *Let's do it for ten minutes.*

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EXTRA TASK

Read each question and choose the option (A, B or C) that is most like you in real life. Don't think too long — choose the answer that feels right for you. At the end, count your letters and check your flatmate type!

1. When you see dirty dishes in the sink…
A. you wash them now.
B. you wash them later, when you have free time.
C. you don't look at them — maybe someone else will wash them.

2. At night, you usually…
A. sleep quietly.
B. watch a short video or listen to soft music.
C. play music, talk, or laugh — you have energy at night.

3. Your food in the fridge is usually…
A. tidy and on your shelf.
B. in a few different places.
C. everywhere — you forget where you put it.



4. In the morning, you…
A. get ready quickly and don't take long.
B. need a few minutes to wake up.
C. take your time — you move slowly in the mornings.

5. When a friend wants to visit your home…
A. you tell your flatmate before they come.
B. you send a quick message when the friend arrives.
C. you forget to say anything — surprise!

6. About lights at home…
A. you like soft, warm light.
B. you like normal light — not too bright.
C. you love bright light — you switch on many lights.

7. When you hear noise at home…
A. you close your door and want calm.
B. you don't mind a little noise.
C. you join the noise — you like the fun.

8. When it's time to clean the flat…
A. you like a plan — for example, Saturday morning.
B. you clean when you see a mess.
C. you clean only when someone asks you (maybe!).

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YOUR FLATMATE TYPE

Look through your answers and count how many A's, B's, and C's you chose.
Then, read the explanation for the category you chose the most.

Let's see the results!

Mostly A's: The Calm & Organised Flatmate

You like a clean and quiet home. You also like simple rules. You plan your day, and you do things on time. You do not enjoy noise, mess, or big surprises. People love living with you because you make the home peaceful. You help the flat stay clean, and you help other people feel relaxed.

Your flatmate superpower: You bring calm, order, and comfort to your home.

Mostly B's: The Easy-Going & Friendly Flatmate

You do not get angry quickly, and you can live with many different people. You don't need everything to be perfect — you enjoy a mix of quiet and fun. Your flatmates like you because you make your home feel warm and friendly. You are easy to talk to, and you try to help when there is a small problem.

Your flatmate superpower: You keep your home happy and positive.

Mostly C's: The Fun & Spontaneous Flatmate

You bring energy, fun, and laughter to the flat. You like music, friends, games, jokes, and surprises. You sometimes forget small things, like washing a cup or closing a door — but you have a big heart. You enjoy living with people and you don't like a boring home. Every day with you is different and interesting.

Your flatmate superpower: You make the home lively, social, and full of fun moments.



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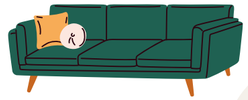
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MIND MAP

Create a mind map with your ideas about your perfect home. Include 2–3 simple ideas for each category: including flatmate habits, rules, and feelings.

My Perfect Home

- Rooms
- People
- Cleaning
- Food
- Atmosphere
- Noise









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EXTRA TASKS

1. Think about the problems that people can have when they live together in the same home. Write a list of 5–10 problems.

Example:

- *dirty kitchen*



2. Use the list of problems from ex.1. Choose three problems. For each problem, write the solution (2-3 sentences). Try to write ideas that can help people live together in a friendly way.

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THANK YOU!



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