

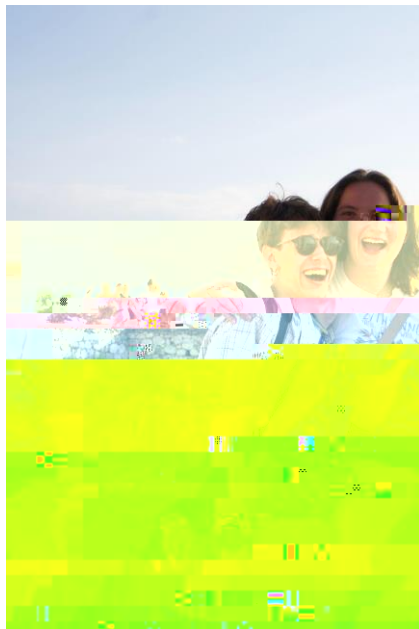
Living Alone vs. With Roommates



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Living Alone 101

Personal Space

Don't have to worry about anyone else's preferences/ disturbing them

Can invite other people over whenever you want

Create your own schedule

Can get an apartment that suits YOUR needs; don't have to compromise (eg: location, rent, size)

More expensive :(

Chores can get tedious



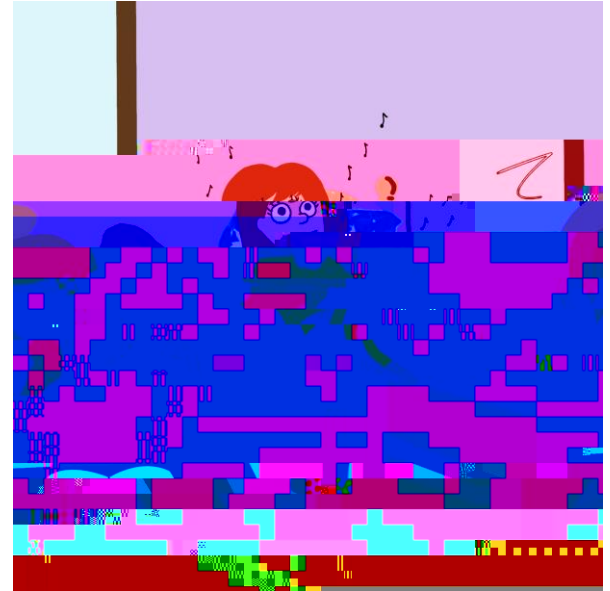
Living with Roommates- The Pros

Cheaper
Social fulfillment
Someone to problem solve with
Someone to run errands
(this is great when you're sick!)
Someone to share household chores with



Living with Roommates- The Cons

You have to share your space
It isn't fully your own!
More roommates = more mess
More intimate
Different sleep schedules,
levels of cleanliness, etc. can
cause conflict
If you want to confront
someone about something,
you have to say it directly to
them

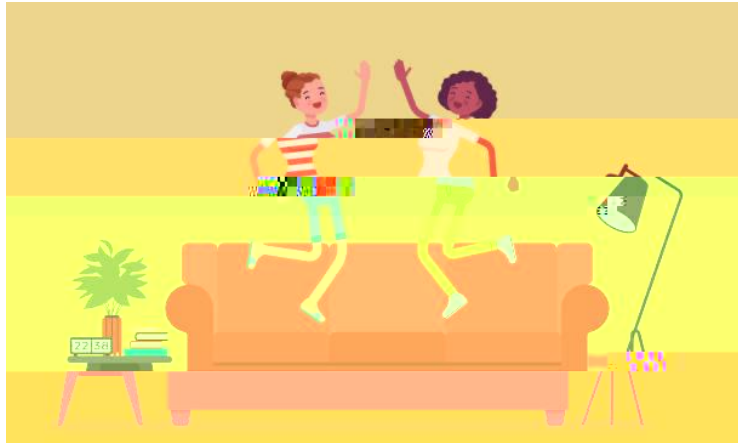


Living with Roommates- Choosing your Roommates

Choosing the right roommates is KEY to preventing future conflict

Consider levels of cleanliness, sleep schedules, personality types, study habits, etc.

Your best roommate ISN'T ALWAYS your best friend



Boundaries

Establish roommate agreements early on

Bedroom situation

Similar sleeping and noise habits?

Levels of cleanliness

Understanding how much you want to hang out (if you're friends)

You don't HAVE to spend every minute with your roommate

Talk about showers: When are you showering

Guest spending the night

Inviting people over

Understand that what is okay for you is not necessarily okay for everyone

COMMUNICATION IS KEY



QUESTIONS?



