

1 “We’re going to be roommates!”

Part I Listening Comprehension

Section A

A Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

1. Pamela is calling about _____ for rent.
A. a condominium B. an apartment C. a house
2. Pamela will go to see the place on _____.
A. Saturday B. Sunday C. Monday
3. Pamela wants to know if _____ are allowed.
A. smoking B. roommates C. pets
4. Mr. Draper tells her that there are many _____ in the area.
A. schools B. parks C. bus stops
5. Mr. Draper suggests they meet at _____.
A. 1 p.m. B. 2 p.m. C. 3 p.m.

B Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

6. Who is an introvert?
A. Donovan. B. Donovan’s brother. C. Marc.
7. What does Marc like to do?
A. Stay in. B. Go out. C. Play chess.
8. What does Donovan choose?
A. His guitar. B. His bed. C. A place for them to eat.

C Listen to the conversation. Then choose the best answer to each question below.

9. Who is Mr. Rogers?
A. The landlord. B. The tenant. C. The estate agent.
10. How much is the rent every month?
A. \$1,500. B. \$2,500. C. \$3,000.

Section B

➡ Listen to the following sentences and write down what you hear on the lines.

1. Kurt has so many friends. He's always out socializing. He's a real _____.
2. Harry is quite _____. He is always pushing himself to do better.
3. I have three _____. Two brothers and one sister.
4. Do you believe in star signs? I don't think they are very _____.
5. Larry would rather stay home and read a book on Friday night. He's a(n) _____.

Part II Vocabulary and Structure



Section A

➡ Fill in the blanks with the words or the expression from the boxes.

introverted deposit cozy private amenities

spacious subway balcony tenant in the spotlight

1. Jones has found himself _____ when he didn't want to be.
2. He doesn't talk much about his family. He's a very _____ person.
3. Who'd want to leave a warm _____ bed to go jogging in the middle of winter?
4. The small town has all the _____ of a large city.
5. This house is so _____. There is plenty of room in here.
6. I like to sit out on the _____ and read a book.
7. Freddie is a great _____. He always pays the rent on time.
8. We can take the _____ there. It's only two stops away.
9. She paid a \$500 _____, and agreed to pay the balance within six months.
10. The girl became _____ among strangers.

Section B

➔ Match the words to the definitions.

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| 1. accurate | A. an outgoing, expressive person |
| 2. sibling | B. a shy person who prefers to be alone |
| 3. rebellious | C. correct in all details |
| 4. introvert | D. a brother or sister |
| 5. extrovert | E. deliberately not obeying people in authority or rules of behavior |

Section C

➔ Choose the best answer.

- Johnny said that he _____ sick.
A. have been B. had been C. to be
- Tina told us that she _____ sing well.
A. have B. could C. do
- You said that you _____ take me to the airport.
A. would B. have been C. are
- Frank said that he had already _____ the medicine.
A. take B. took C. taken
- Jimmy said that he had been _____ a lot the previous week.
A. practise B. practised C. practising
- He said that there _____ an accident on the road.
A. had been B. have been C. is
- Tom said he _____ going to Paris the following day.
A. was B. is C. have
- She said that she had written her homework _____.
A. yesterday B. the following day C. the previous day
- Lisa said that she had _____ all the juice.
A. drink B. drank C. drunk
- Frank said he had been _____ hard the previous month.
A. study B. studying C. studied

Section D

➡ Complete the passage, using appropriate words.

Teddy is a real _____ 1 _____ (introvert / extrovert / tenant). He loves to meet new people and he has a very active social life. He takes dancing classes and enjoys _____ 2 _____ (perform / to perform / performing) in front of others. When people meet Teddy, they feel like they get to know him very quickly. He is a very _____ 3 _____ (rebellious / cozy / open) person, and he speaks his mind _____ 4 _____ (free / freedom / freely). In his job, Teddy works very well with others, and often _____ 5 _____ (taking / taken / takes) the role of presenter when doing a team project. On the weekend, he is almost never at home, as he loves to go out.

Part III Reading Comprehension



Task 1

➡ Read the passage. Choose the best answer.

Making rules with roommates

You've left home and started an exciting new phase of your life at college, where you'll experience campus life, studying, socializing and living with your roommates. Living with roommates can be great fun, but it can also, at times, be incredibly frustrating. If you want to have more fun than falling-outs, you need to keep some important rules in mind.

First, sit down and have a frank conversation with your roommates. Communication is the key. Talking honestly about your expectations at the beginning of the year will save problems later on. Important issues to discuss include money (what needs to be paid) and cleaning (who cleans what and how often).

Second, music is an issue which can divide roommates. You might think you have great musical taste, but your roommates might have different ideas. Get into the habit of wearing headphones when listening to music, and you can expect your roommates to do the same.

Third, even if you and your roommates like to share food, make sure you don't use up the last of their food or drink, especially if you know it's one of their favorite things. Imagine you have just rushed home, excited to eat the ice cream or yogurt in the fridge, but only to find that it's gone. It's not a good feeling!

All in all, the golden rule is to treat your roommates as you'd like to be treated yourself. If they do the same for you, there really should be no problems.

1. What's the purpose of this passage?
 - A. To suggest the best type of accommodation for students on a budget.
 - B. To give advice on how to live peacefully with roommates.
 - C. To warn students of the possible problems they can have with roommates.
 - D. To weigh up the advantages and disadvantages of living with roommates.
2. According to the writer, living with roommates _____.
 - A. is always fun and enjoyable
 - B. is cheaper than living alone
 - C. can be difficult sometimes
 - D. is a really bad idea
3. According to the passage, it's important to _____.
 - A. buy your roommates little gifts to show them you care about them
 - B. spend lots of time with your roommates
 - C. have an honest talk with your roommates early on
 - D. share an apartment with people who have similar interests to you
4. The writer believes that _____.
 - A. roommates should have the same taste in music
 - B. roommates should wear headphones when listening to music
 - C. it's rude to wear headphones when listening to music
 - D. roommates should share their musical tastes with each other
5. The writer feels that it's best not to _____.
 - A. share food with your roommates
 - B. cook for your roommates
 - C. label items in the fridge with your name
 - D. eat the last of your roommates' food

Task 2

➡ Read the passage. Choose the best answer.

Are you looking for a place to stay? Then come along to the college accommodation agency. Our trained and friendly staff will help you find accommodation to suit your budget and taste. We can help you have access to private properties as well as college-owned apartments.

We offer:

- accommodation in a range of locations throughout the city;
- fully furnished, partially furnished or unfurnished apartments;
- support with the legal aspects of renting.

As our staff understands the importance of finding like-minded roommates, we also offer a "Matchmaker" roommate service, where we match your taste, budget and personality type with other people on our database in order to help you find your perfect roommate(s).

Please be aware that there are currently a number of fake websites advertising scam accommodation in this city. It's very important that you are extremely cautious when looking for accommodation. It is for this reason that we advise you to use a trusted service such as this one.

Our agency is open from Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is located on the ground floor of the Old Kings Building. To view some of the properties we have on offer, please visit our website www.collegeaccomm.org. Call 123456 to arrange a one-to-one interview with one of our advisors.

1. What is this passage advertising?
 - A. Services provided by an accommodation agency.
 - B. An apartment for rent.
 - C. A room for rent.
 - D. A job at an accommodation agency.

2. What kind of properties does the agency offer access to?
 - A. College-owned properties.
 - B. Privately-owned and college-owned properties.
 - C. Budget accommodation.
 - D. Luxury accommodation.
3. What service does the accommodation agency NOT provide?
 - A. It can help you find your ideal roommate(s).
 - B. It can help you understand the legal implications of a lease.
 - C. It can offer a van to help you move your possessions.
 - D. It can help you find suitable accommodation.
4. What does the passage warn its readers about?
 - A. Dishonest landlords.
 - B. Signing contracts without understanding them.
 - C. Fake websites which illegally advertise false accommodation.
 - D. Choosing roommates who don't share their tastes and interests.
5. If you want to view some of the properties the agency offers, you can't _____.
 - A. visit their website
 - B. request a catalog by email
 - C. phone to find out more
 - D. arrange a one-to-one interview with an advisor

Task 3

➡ Read the passage. Fill in the blanks (with no more than three words).

Wanted: a roommate

Are you looking for accommodation close to the college campus? Are you a non-smoking, outgoing, hard-working sophomore student? If so, we'd love to hear from you!

We have a single room in a spacious, modern apartment, which is available to rent on a nine-month lease. It's a beautiful, fully-furnished room with a great view of the city.

Heating, electricity and Wi-Fi are all included in the rental which is \$530 per calendar month. Also included in the rental is the use of a shared kitchen, bathroom,

living room and balcony. The apartment is fully equipped with all mod cons: dishwasher, washing machine, tumble dryer, cooker, microwave and fridge.

We're looking for someone who doesn't mind our lively social life (we have parties every weekend) and is happy to settle down to his / her studies throughout the rest of the week. We also would like a roommate who is willing to take part in household chores such as sweeping the shared staircase, taking out the trash, vacuuming and emptying the dishwasher.

If this sounds like you, we'd love to meet up. Please email Clare on clairetims@moonmail.com to arrange a viewing.

1. The passage is an advertisement, written by people who are looking for _____.
2. The writer is advertising a fully-furnished single room which has a great view _____.
3. The rental is \$530 per _____.
4. The rental also includes _____ a shared kitchen, bathroom, living room and balcony.
5. The successful applicant will be willing to take part in _____.

Task 4

- ➡ Read the words and expressions used in housing. Find the items equivalent to those given in Chinese in the table.

A—move in	B—get settled in	C—sign a lease
D—spacious	E—landlord	F—put down a deposit
G—public areas	H—a furnished apartment	I—bad housing
J—shared spaces	K—pay a bill	L—administrative fee
M—amenities	N—take center-stage	O—tenant
P—an unfurnished room		Q—length of lease

Examples: (C) 签订租约 (G) 公共区域

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| 1. () 房东 | () 便利设施 |
| 2. () 宽敞的 | () 搬进新居 |
| 3. () 住房条件差 | () 租户 |
| 4. () 租期 | () 安顿下来 |
| 5. () 付账单 | () 付定金 |

Task 5

➡ Read the passage. Fill in the blanks (with no more than three words).

Hi Lucy,

How's everything going with you? I hope you are settling into your new flat!

I'm writing to ask you for some advice. I'm getting on well with my studies, but I'm finding the social side of things more difficult. As you know, I'm an introvert and usually keep to myself. This was never a problem when I was living at home, and I was surrounded by family and good friends (like you) who had known me for years.

The problem is that now I'm in a city where I don't know anyone at all. I find it really hard to make friends and most of the time I feel really lonely. There are lots of clubs which I could join, but I feel nervous about going by myself. My roommates are friendly, but they are much more outgoing than me. They seem to have made their own friends already, and I feel embarrassed about asking them if I can join them on evenings out or for trips on the weekend.

On weekends, I just stay in my room and study. I know this isn't healthy, and I'm starting to feel really down about it. I know you've always been good at making friends and you know me really well, so I think you might be able to help me by giving me some advice.

Really hope we can meet soon. Perhaps I could come and visit you next weekend.

Love,
Annette

1. Why is Annette writing to Lucy?
She needs some _____ how to make friends.
2. What kind of personality does Annette have?
She is _____.
3. What are Annette's roommates like?
They are friendly and _____ than Annette.
4. What does Annette do on the weekend?
She stays _____ and studies.
5. Why does Annette trust Lucy's advice?
Because Lucy knows Annette very well and has always been good at _____.

Part IV Speak Now

- ➔ **Directions:** Work in pairs. Imagine you are interested in applying for a job as a journalist for a local news website. You're not sure whether or not the job is right for you. You love writing, but you are an introverted person, and feel that the job would require more extroverted qualities. Ask your best friend for advice.

Useful Language

- *I've seen this job advertisement, but I'm not sure whether to apply for it or not.*
- *I think I'm good at writing, but I have an introverted personality.*
- *I think journalists should be outgoing and good at speaking to people.*
- *Can I develop more outgoing, extroverted qualities?*
- *Would you advise me to apply for this job?*
- *I suggest you should apply and see what happens.*
- *The most important thing about journalism is to be a good writer.*
- *Why not email for more information about the post?*

Part V Writing

➔ **Directions:** Your friend has written to you from college, telling you that he / she is feeling very homesick and that he / she isn't getting on well with his / her roommates. As a result, he / she is feeling very low, and this has made an impact on his / her studies. Write a friendly email in reply. In your email, you should:

- express sympathy;
- offer your friend some advice;
- promise to come to visit him / her soon;
- attempt to cheer him / her up with some positive thoughts.

Part VI Relax Now

Idioms to describe introverts and extroverts:

- shrinking violet (十分羞怯的人)
- wallflower (舞会上没被邀请跳舞的人)
- quiet as a mouse (非常安静的)
- larger-than-life (非常引人注目的)
- the life and soul of the party (聚会上的活跃分子)