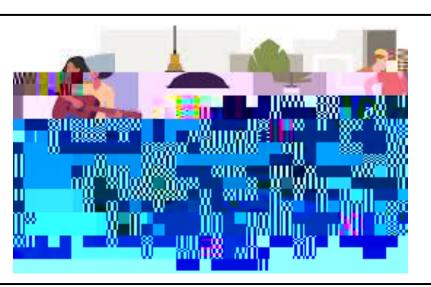
Living Alone vs. With Roommates



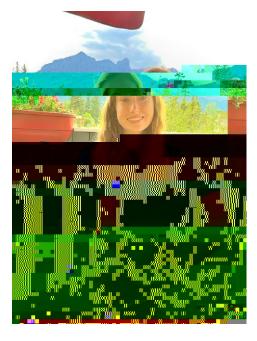
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Living Alone 101

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

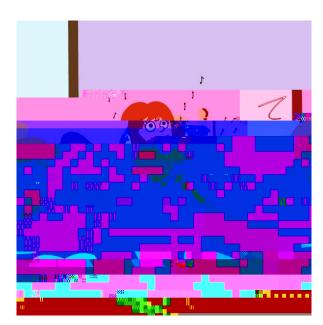
Cheaper Social fulfillment Someone to problem solve with Someone to run errands (this is great when you're sick!) Someone to share household chores with



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,

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?

