

# 1 BEGINNINGS

## Overview

Watch the video podcast. Do young people move away from their families and share flats together in your country? Whose opinions about flatmates do you agree with most?

1 Read the sentences below about Pasha's life in London. Then watch the video podcast from 0:12-0:24 and delete the incorrect word.

Hi my name is Pasha, I work for the BBC as a producer, and I do a lot of DJ-ing in my spare time. I <sup>1</sup> ~~live~~ / have lived in London for many years now with my friends and sometimes I <sup>2</sup> annoy / know them with my music. <sup>3</sup> What / How about you? Do you have any <sup>4</sup> annoying / noisy habits?



**Glossary:** annoying = making you feel slightly angry

2 Do you have any annoying habits? Look at the people below and read the habits 1-7. Then watch the video podcast from 0:27-1:16 and match the people to the habits.



A Deborah



B Tamara



C Luke



D Mairi



E Chris



F Chaenara



G Relwyn

- 1 snoring when asleep
- 2 biting her nails and talking a bit too loudly
- 3 taking a long time to get to the point
- 4 very messy
- 5 talking too much
- 6 bad at making decisions
- 7 leaving clothes around the bedroom and not putting them away

E

**Glossary:** messy = untidy and possibly dirty; snore = to breathe in a noisy way through your mouth and nose while you are asleep

**3** Do you have any experience of flat sharing? Watch the video podcast from 1:17- 2:18 and match the speakers A-E to the questions 1-3.

A  
TamaraB  
DeborahC  
LukeD  
MairiE  
Chris

- 1 Who had messy and untidy flatmates?
- 2 Whose flatmate(s) was/were noisy?
- 3 Who had no real problems with their flatmates?

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**4** What habits or qualities in a flatmate would you find most annoying? Read the habits and qualities in the box below, then watch the video podcast from 2:22-3:33 and tick (✓) the habits the speakers mention. There are four extra habits that are NOT mentioned.

**Glossary:** filth = dirt, especially a lot of it

smoking    playing computer games    being insensitive    making a lot of noise  
 being messy    being untidy    being dirty    staying in bed  
 not clearing up after cooking a meal    playing the bongo drums  
 leaving the washing up    talking too much

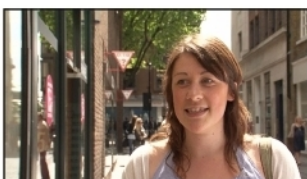
### The way we speak

**5** The people below talk about flat sharing and annoying habits. Read the sentences and write a word or phrase from the podcast with the same meaning as the words in brackets. Watch the video podcast from 1:19-1:55 again and check your answers.



Tamara

- 1 I guess a lot of students are just \_\_\_\_\_ about that (do not care).



Deborah

- 2 We've always \_\_\_\_\_ (had a very good relationship) and had a really nice experience.



Chris

- 3 So, in return, I would play music late at night when they were trying to sleep just to \_\_\_\_\_ (do to them what they did to me).



Luke

4 Smoking would be definitely up there! I \_\_\_\_\_ (really dislike) smokers.



Tamara

5 Everything else is really not \_\_\_\_\_ (important) but when you're flat sharing definitely tidiness is very important.



Relwyn

6 Not tidying up after themselves, leaving a mess after cooking – that sort of \_\_\_\_\_ (thing).

### Personalisation

6 What habits or qualities in a flatmate would you find most annoying and why? Write a short paragraph below.

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### BBC LINK



Flat-sharing can provide an economical approach to accommodation, but what happens when it goes wrong?

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/7117581.stm>

