

Living with roommates

▶ You're **looking forward** living with a roommate, but will you get along? Before you move in together, **come up** some house rules about what you both expect. For example:

- If you **have** friends for dinner, ask if it's OK *before* they show up.
- If you get back late, come in quietly – don't **wake** anyone .
- If you're the last one to go to bed, turn off the TV and lights.
- If you borrow something, ask first and *always* **give** it .

▶ Roommates often argue about chores. Instead of **putting up** your roommate's mess, figure out some rules that work for you, like these:

- If you make a mess, **clean** it .
- If you drop it, pick it up.
- If you take it out, put it back.

▶ If your roommate's bad habits still drive you crazy and you **run out** patience, don't **put** talking about it. When a problem **comes** , **go** things right away. Of course you might find out that you have to **give** a few bad habits of your own! But with a little good humor, you'll get over any problems and things should work out.

Match the ideas to the possible meaning

Look forward to

expect

Come up with

Postpone

Have (somebody) over

Propose

Wake up

Analyze

Give back

Invite

Put up with

Abandon

Go over

Open your eyes in the morning

Clean up

Return

Run out of

Tolerate

Put off

Clean

Give up

Finish

come up with

go over

✓ look forward to

put off

wake up

Ji Ning I never look forward to our house meetings. But I guess tonight's meeting is important. There are so many things we need to _____.

Clara I agree. Things haven't been going well lately. We should have had the meeting weeks ago. I don't know why we _____ it _____ so many times.

Ji Ning Well, part of the problem is Jasmina. When she's here, all she does is sleep. I try to be quiet because I don't want to _____ her _____, but it's not really possible to have a life when someone next door is sleeping all the time.

Clara Well, we have to _____ a plan. If we don't, we'll be fighting all the time.

clean up

give back

give up

have over

put up with

run out of

Do you . . .

1. often **have** friends _____ ?
2. keep **running** _____ **of** cash?
3. ever **wake** anyone _____ ?
4. **put** _____ doing chores?
5. **go** _____ your bills?
6. always **give** things _____ ?
7. stay calm if a problem **comes** _____ ?
8. **come** _____ **with** ideas for meals?
9. have to **put** _____ **with** noisy neighbors?
10. ever try to **give** _____ bad habits?
11. **look** _____ **to** family dinners?
12. always **clean** _____ your mess?