

I was now independent

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I had only been at university for a few hours when the enormity of it finally dawned on me: I was now independent. Having lived at home with my parents all my life up until that day, I had often dreamed of the freedom that living **A21** _____ yourself gives you. There's no one to tell you when to go to bed, when to get up, what to do, what not to do. Now, though, I felt the responsibility weighing down on me. True, there was no one giving me rules to obey, but there was also no one to **A22** _____ on but myself. If I didn't remember to go to the supermarket, there wouldn't be any food in the flat. If I didn't budget correctly, there wouldn't be Mum or Dad nearby to lend me some money. If I didn't pay the bills on time, the electricity or water would be **A23** _____ off. It was a frightening feeling, and I prayed I would be able to deal with adult life in a **A24** _____ enough way.

Over the next days and weeks, I began to realise how much I still had to learn. How could I have **A25** _____ to the age of eighteen without ever having ironed my own shirt? Was that laziness on my part ('Mum, can you iron a shirt for me?'), or had my parents and teachers failed to provide me with the skills I now needed? Whichever it was, I quickly had to learn. And learn I did – partly through trial and error, and partly **A26** _____ to the help of the new friends I was making. Many of them were in a similar situation, but we each had different skills to share. I could show them how to cook a tasty spaghetti Bolognese – a **A27** _____ every student should be able to prepare – and they could teach me how to light a gas oven or defrost a fridge.

When I went home for Christmas, I sensed that my parents were a little surprised that I had **A28** _____ to survive so well. I didn't admit it, but I felt extremely proud of all I'd accomplished so far.

A21	1) or	2) by	3) with	4) on
A22	1) follow	2) believe	3) rely	4) trust
A23	1) cut	2) taken	3) set	4) stopped
A24	1) grown	2) developed	3) mature	4) ripe
A25	1) reached	2) got	3) arrived	4) appeared
A26	1) recognition	2) praise	3) credit	4) thanks
A27	1) dish	2) plate	3) portion	4) serving
A28	1) managed	2) succeeded	3) achieved	4) handled