

Living with a Roommate

Living with a roommate could be an interesting experience. I really **enjoy sharing** responsibilities and **getting to** know new people. When looking for a roommate, I **would love to find** someone responsible and friendly. I **don't mind cleaning** common areas, but I **can't stand living** with someone who never helps around the apartment. **I'm into cooking** together and I always **feel like watching** movies on weekends. I **insist on keeping** the apartment organized.



One advantage of having a roommate is that you can share expenses and responsibilities. Another good thing about living with another person is that you always have someone to talk to.

However, there are disadvantages. The downside of sharing a home is that you may have less privacy. One difficulty with living with another person is that disagreements sometimes happen. The hard part about being roommates is that people often have different habits and schedules.

Overall, I think the secret to getting along with a roommate is that both people respect each other's space and communicate honestly.

1. Verbs followed by gerunds (-ing): enjoy, avoid, don't mind, insist on, feel like, be into.

Examples: I enjoy sharing responsibilities. I insist on keeping the apartment organized.

2. Verbs followed by gerunds or infinitives: love, hate, can't stand.

Examples: I love finding responsible roommates. I can't stand living with messy people.

3. Noun clauses after be: noun phrase + be + (that) + clause.

Examples: One advantage of having a roommate is that you can share expenses.

The downside of sharing a home is that you may have less privacy.

Exercise 1: Choose the correct answer.

1. I can't stand _____ with noisy people. a) live b) living c) to living
2. She hates _____ up early. a) get b) getting c) got
3. We enjoy _____ board games together. a) play b) playing c) to playing

Exercise 2: Rewrite the sentences using noun clauses after be.

Example:

Sharing expenses is useful. You save money. → the advantage of sharing expenses is that you save money.

Living with messy people is difficult. They never clean. _____

Having a roommate is good. You are not lonely. _____

Sharing a room is challenging. You have less privacy. _____

Living with responsible people is great. Everyone helps. _____

Different schedules are a problem. People disturb each other. _____

Exercise 3 – Correct the mistakes.

I enjoy to cook with my roommate. _____

She avoids to talk about problems. _____

We insist on keep the apartment clean. _____

The secret to get along with roommates is that communication is important.

One difficulty with live with another person is that habits are different.
