

2 MY PLACE

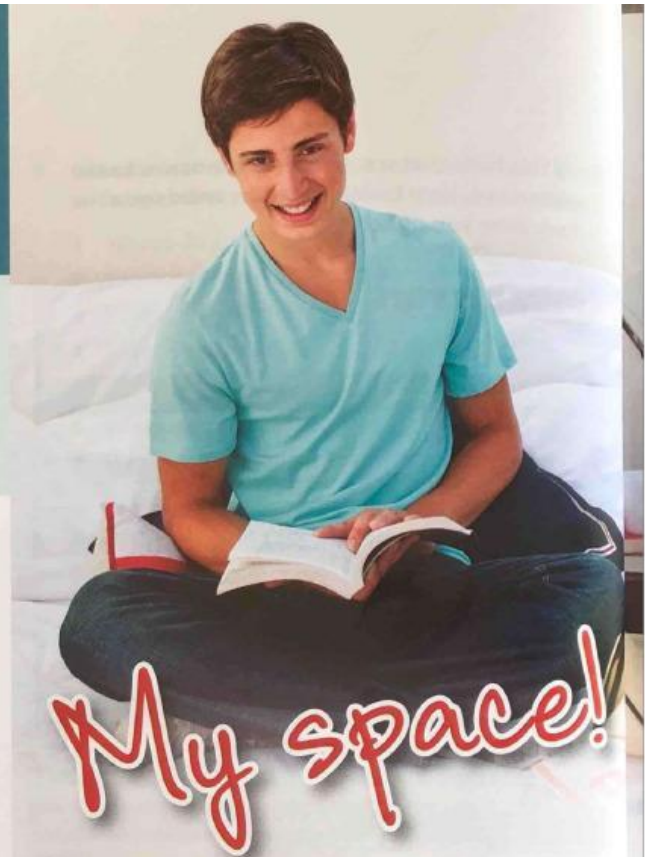


- How much time do you spend in your room? Describe it.
- What does your room show about your personality?
- Do you think it's important for teens and young people to have their own 'space'? If so, why?



READING

- 1 Class survey. Answer the questions about your home and then compare your answers with the class.**
 - Do you share your bedroom?
 - Where do you do your homework?
 - Where do you watch TV?
 - Where do you spend time with your friends?
 - Who tidies your bedroom?
 - Where do you spend the most time?
- 2 Choose one of your answers from 1 and tell your partner something more about it.**
- 3 Why is it a bad idea to study on your bed? Read the article quickly and check your answer.**



Can you imagine what houses were like one or two hundred years ago? They were usually small, but families were big! Lots of members of the same family – grandparents, parents and children – shared one house. There wasn't a lot of space. People often cooked, ate and slept in the same room.

Now, however, houses are usually bigger and teenagers sleep in their own bedrooms, or share with a brother or sister. It's their space and it shows their style and the things they enjoy.



Upgrade

In this kind of task, you must decide if the sentences say the same thing as the text or something different. Read each sentence and the information in the article. Make sure you read enough, so you can choose the correct answer. For example, to answer question 1, you need to read the second paragraph. The first part of the first sentence says *Now, however, houses are usually bigger and teenagers sleep in their own bedrooms*. It seems that the sentence in question 1 is wrong, but if you continue reading you might change your mind.

Teenagers live a lot of their lives in their rooms. They sleep, study, hang out with friends, talk on the phone, listen to music, and are alone with their thoughts and dreams for the future.

Are you a teenager? Do you want to decorate your room? Then read on. Remember to think about all the different things that you do in your room. First, make it comfortable and you will be happy to spend time there. A bean bag is perfect for sitting on when you listen to music, read, watch TV or play video games.

Next, make sure you have a good study area in your room. Don't study on your bed! It's uncomfortable! You need a well-organised space that has a desk, a lamp, a comfortable chair and a bookcase. A desk which has drawers makes it easier to keep the area tidy. Put the bookcase near the desk so that your books are nearby when you do your homework.

Then, make your space personal. Photos of family and friends, sports trophies, school certificates, posters of your favourite stars, colourful cushions and rugs all look great in a teen room.

Finally, use your imagination! There are many great themes you can use to decorate your room. Are you a music fan? Try black and white. Are you a football fan? Go for your team's colours. Do you love the sea? Choose cool blues and greens.

It's easy to create your own fantastic space. Just remember to keep it clean and tidy!

4 Read the article again. Are sentences 1-6 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)?

- 1 Some teenagers share their bedrooms.
A Right B Wrong
- 2 Teenagers spend all of their time in their rooms.
A Right B Wrong
- 3 It's important for your room to be comfortable.
A Right B Wrong
- 4 When you study, your books should be close to your desk.
A Right B Wrong
- 5 Posters don't make a room more personal.
A Right B Wrong
- 6 Themes for a teen room must always be colourful.
A Right B Wrong

5 Complete the sentences with these words from the article.

clean colourful comfortable perfect
personal tidy uncomfortable well-organised

- 1 This desk has drawers and it's exactly right for me. It's _____!
- 2 Wow! The walls are pink and yellow. It's a very _____ room.
- 3 We need a new sofa, Mum. The one we have is very _____.
- 4 You really should wash your car, Jack. It isn't _____.
- 5 Mary's room is very _____. There are no books or clothes on the floor.
- 6 This is a _____ kitchen. There is a place for everything.
- 7 I don't want to sit in this chair because it isn't _____.
- 8 My room is my _____ space. I don't share it with my sister.

6 Play a game with a partner. Choose one of the pictures from the text. Your partner will ask you questions to find out which picture it is. He or she can only ask questions with a yes or no answer. When he or she thinks they know which picture it is, they will tell you. If he or she is right, give one mark. Then swap roles. Use the questions below or ask your own.

- Is there a girl/boy in the picture?
- Is there a bed?
- Are there any books?
- Is there a computer?
- Are there clothes on the bed?
- Is there a bookcase?
- Is he/she studying?
- Is he/she listening to something?
- Is the room tidy?