

IELTS FOUNDATION. EXTRA READING 1

Read the text. Then complete the exercise.

Many international students come to study at New College every year. There are three main types of accommodation available to international students: college halls of residence, private houses or flats, and host families.

A. College halls of residence

There are three halls of residence on the college campus. Tulip Hall and Rose Hall have single rooms for students with a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe, cupboard and a bookcase. There are shared bathrooms and a shared kitchen. In Holly Hall, the rooms also have their own bathrooms. Students have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the college restaurant. The college halls of residence are a good choice for students who want to make new friends, but would prefer not to cook their own meals.

B. Private houses or flats

Some students prefer to find their own house or flat in the city. This is more expensive than staying on campus or with a host family, but many students like to do this because they can live with their friends. Students can find houses and flats to rent in the city on the college website. This is a good option for students who prefer to cook for themselves. There is often a living room where students can spend time together when they are not working.

C. Host families

Another popular choice for international students is to stay with a local host family. Students live in a house or flat with a family. The family makes breakfast and dinner for the student, but they need to buy their own lunch. The family also spends time with them in the evening and organises activities for the weekend. All students have their own bedroom, and share the bathroom, living room and kitchen with the family. This is a really good way for international students to improve their level of English quickly by talking to members of the host family.

Match the information with the three paragraphs. Read the text again to help you.

1. This costs more than the other types of accommodation.

A B C

2. This accommodation includes three meals.

A B C

3. Students need to cook their own meal in this type of accommodation.

A B C

4. With this accommodation students have trips organised for them at the weekend.

A B C

5. This accommodation has three different buildings where students can live.

A B C

6. This type of accommodation can help students to improve their English.

A B C

Read the text again. Which type of accommodation would be the best choice for each student?

1. Komal from India

I would like to get to know people from this country and to improve my level of English really quickly. I don't want to spend a lot of money on a room. I like cooking, and would like to learn how to cook English food.

Best choice of accommodation:

halls of residence

private house or flat

host family

2. Pierre from France

I am planning to study a lot this year, so I want to be close to the library. I don't want to spend a lot of time shopping for food and cooking.

Best choice of accommodation:

halls of residence

private house or flat

host family

3. Yuxi from China

My sister and I are both studying at New College and I would like to live together, maybe with one or two other people. We would like to live close to the college, but we prefer to cook our own meals.

Best choice of accommodation:

halls of residence

private house or flat

host family

4. Ahmed from Dubai

I am new from the city, and I would like to make new friends. I don't like cooking and I don't want to travel far to get to the college.

Best choice of accommodation:

halls of residence

private house or flat

host family

5. Nasreen from Saudi Arabia

I would like to relax in the evening and talk to people in English. I don't want to spend all of my time with students from my country, as I need to improve my level of English quickly.

Best choice of accommodation:

halls of residence

private house or flat

host family