

Student Housing.



Vocabulary.

To build a wing = It is to build a new part to a building (house-apartment).

Privacy = the state or condition of being free from being observed or disturbed by other people.

A hallway = a passageway or room between the entrance and the interior of a building.

Updated = made more modern or up to date.

Common bathroom = Common bath is shared with other people. You don't have your toilet and shower only for you.

Dorms = a large room containing many beds for students who live in a university.

On campus apartments = housing owned by the University.

Off campus apartments = housing that is not owned by the University. These include commercial apartments, rental houses ...

Shared rooms = a room within an apartment consisting of two or more beds. The occupants are permitted to use the common areas: bathrooms, kitchen and living area.

Furniture = movable equipment, such as tables, beds, cabinets, chairs ...

To update = make (something) more modern or up to date.

Homestays = staying in the home of a local family.

find a single. = It is a room for only one person.

Co-op = a group that works together.

Downside = a negative aspect of something. A disadvantage.

To arrange = put (things) in a neat, attractive, or required order.

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Eddie: Hi, guys, I'm Eddie, here in _____ housing. I know there's a lot to think about before starting _____ college... like, "where am I going to live?" Well, let's look at some choices, and their pros and cons. If you have questions, _____ jump in. So, first let's compare campus dorms – that's dormitories, with the university co-op – I'll explain what a co-op is in a _____. Afterwards, I can answer questions about off-campus _____, or homestays if we have time. OK. As you may know, we've got excellent dorms right here on campus. Now, the dorms are not as cheap as off-campus housing, but we think you get a lot of _____. You can get to all your classes in five minutes or so. In most dorms, students share bedrooms with one roommate, but if you really want _____, you can usually find a single.

Student Q: Do they have kitchens – I mean, can we cook for ourselves?

Eddie: Not in the older dorms – you'll have to sign up for a plan, and eat all your meals in one of the dining halls or cafés. Our two _____ dorms are different, though: on every floor, in each wing, we have four bedrooms grouped together to share a living room, a _____, and a bathroom. So, in the new dorms, you can cook, but you'll still have to buy a meal plan.

Students: Really? Eddie: Well... Another nice thing about the dorms is, since they're on campus, they're patrolled by the university _____. I'm happy to say, we don't have a problem with stealing or violence on campus – off campus might be a little different. Now, have any of you heard of a co-op? Well "co-op" stands for a "cooperative" – **a group that works together.**

The co-op kind of looks like a dorm, but students who live there actually manage their own building. Also, the residents have to agree to do four hours of work a _____ – stuff like cleaning, food _____, or cooking. Costs are really low; much less than in a dorm.

A friend of mine loves it – she's met great, open-minded _____ and she _____ it's a good way to practice your English if you're an international student. The co-op here in town is about a 10-minute walk from campus – not bad if the weather's good. The _____ is, rooms in the co-op are pretty small, and right now, only triple _____ are available – no doubles or singles. So, there's not much privacy, right?

Student Q: What about bathrooms?

Eddie: They're shared. Residents of a hallway use common bathrooms. Also, in the co-op the _____ and decorating is kind of "informal" – you know, it's kind of...

Student Q: You mean it's a mess?

Eddie: Not at all – the co-op's just not updated as frequently as the dorms are. To be fair, some students _____ the dorm interiors a little cold and boring. If you're interested, we can arrange visits to the co-op and several dorms. So, now let's briefly look at some of the other choices...