

# 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.

### **Audio Script. Page 88-89.**

**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...