VOCABULARY

1 Complete the sentences with the words from the box. There are two extra words.

airy	break	densely	excess
remotely	settle	~~significantly~~	
	spacious		

0 I don't think living in Sweden is ***significantly*** different from living in my country, although at first I found it hard to get used to the social etiquette.
1 They finally decided to _____ down as they wanted to have children, so they bought a house.
2 My city is very _____ populated. A lot of people live here although it doesn't cover a big space.
3 Any _____ food made by the restaurants will be donated to charity.
4 One big advantage of working _____ is that you don't need to commute to an office.
5 This is a very _____ property with plenty of room for a growing family.

LISTENING

1 You are going to hear an interview with a travel writer, Julie. For questions, 1–5, listen and choose the correct answer, a, b or c.

1 Julie's latest book is about
   a interesting people she's met on her travels.
   b unusual places she's been to.
   c large urban areas she's visited.
2 What happened while Julie was staying in Hallstatt, Austria?
   a She met some Chinese friends in a hotel.
   b She decided to go home for a week and then visit China.
   c She found out about a town in China.
3 In comparison with the Hallstatt in Austria, the Hallstatt in China is
   a marginally bigger.
   b just as attractive.
   c considerably older.
4 Julie thought that Kangbashi, Ordos was
   a contemporary.
   b crowded.
   c disappointing.
5 What did Julie find unusual about Monowi?
   a The books in the library are very old.
   b All the buildings there are beautiful.
   c Only one person lives there.

GRAMMAR

2 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

0 I'm sorry, but you *needn't / **can't** / don't have to* take photos in here. It says so on that notice.
1 You *should / can / ought* take your shoes off when you enter someone's house in Japan. It's considered impolite if you don't.
2 In some countries, pet owners are *permitted / allowed / required* to have a special licence.
3 The student was relieved because she *succeeded / managed to / could* find a room to rent very quickly.
4 Staff are *permitted / obliged / allowed* to wear a uniform at all times. If they don't, they will be sent home to change.
5 I know I *needn't / don't have to / am not supposed to* eat sweets because I'm on a sugar-free diet, but one won't do me any harm, will it?

LIVEWORKSHEETS

READING

1 **Read the article. For questions 1–5, choose from paragraphs A–D. You may choose the paragraphs more than once.**

A learning experience

A

I studied at a university in a city a long way from home where I knew no one. My first major task was to find somewhere to live, so I got in touch with the university accommodation office. I was fortunate in that they immediately found me a room in a college flat with four other new students, none of whom I had met before. I was really pleased when I saw my new home for the first time. It was spacious, airy, comfortable and I had my own room. I soon had two new friends, who I'm sure will be friends for life. What about the other two? Put it this way, I wasn't sorry when we went our separate ways! An engineering student, Joe was a good guy at heart, but I would have preferred not to have had to live with him mainly due to his extremely annoying habits! However, Rob, who was studying Psychology, was an altogether different matter.

B

Joe didn't talk much as he was quite shy and spent a lot of time in his room behind a closed door, unintentionally cutting the rest of us out from his life. He had a very messy character, as you could see by looking at the way he dressed. When the dishwasher broke down, which happened far too often, he left dirty dishes all over the place including, amazingly, the bathroom! How selfish is that? One day he managed to break a bottle. Instead of sweeping up the shattered glass from the living room floor, he kicked it into a corner behind the TV and tried to leave. I couldn't stand it any longer. I caught him before he was able to get through the front door and told him exactly what I thought of his cleaning skills or, rather, lack of them. I think he found it hard to take in, as I don't usually jump down people's throats like that, and cleaned it up. To this day, I don't believe he was trying to be difficult; we simply didn't share the same values.

C

However, I found Rob much more difficult to deal with. At first, I thought we had a lot in common. He was tidy like me and seemed to be very organised. He was generous and would often offer to do the shopping and even seemed to enjoy cleaning! If there was some dirt on the kitchen floor, he would be the first to get out the dustpan and brush and clean it up. However, I quickly discovered there was a downside to him. He was very moody, whereas I am a cheerful character most of the time. Sometimes he could be great company, laughing and joking with us all. The next day, or even a few minutes later, he would turn into a critical, impatient individual and would complain about even the slightest noise. Unlike the rest of us, he was good at mending things like blocked showerheads and dealing with tangled leads. However, we soon learnt that he would only do this if it affected him directly.

D

Towards the end of our first year, our flat became more like a home with the usual rules families have. Instead of doing our shopping separately, borrowing each other's things and forgetting to replace them, we all paid them same amount per week and took it in turns to make essential purchases such as bread and milk. We needed to remind Joe, of course, but even he cooperated in his own way. Far too late in the day, we began to cook together once a week. It was fun and helped us get to know each other better, to realise that not everyone is good at everything and to be flexible. Anyone sharing with complete strangers would do well to bear this in mind from day one. However, despite the regular frustrations of living with four others in a confined space, I have to say I had a fantastic time and made two great friends.

In which paragraph (A–D) does the writer …

1 comment on someone's appearance? ___
2 give the reader a tip on how to live successfully with others? ___
3 acknowledge that he was lucky to find accommodation so quickly? ___
4 describe a person whose personality differed enormously from others? ___
5 suggest that he lost his temper? ___

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