Things you know if you still live with your parents

In the UK, 25% of young adults aged 20–34 still live at home with their parents. This has gone up by 20% in the last 20 years. So what are the pros and cons?

The downside

- It doesn't [1]_____ how old you are, you'll always be a child to them. They'll tell you to put a coat on every time you leave the house.
- It's really [2]_____ when you meet new people to admit you're still sleeping in your childhood bedroom.
- You have to [3]_____ them know all your movements and text them to say you're going to be home late.
- 99% of the time after a night out, your parents will be [4]_____, waiting for you – even if it's 4.00 a.m.
- Every day of your life, you [5]_____,'You treat this house like a hotel.'
- You become the household IT technician. If anything goes [6]_____ in the house to do with phones, broadband, or TV, you're called to the rescue.

But on the other hand...

- At weekends, you wake up with the smell of bacon and eggs.
- The fridge and cupboards always have something in them, and generally a lot better than you could [7]_____.
- There's nothing better than home-cooked food, and you've [8]_____ that you'll never be able to cook as well as your parents.
- You've also realized that your mum has magical laundry powers that [9]_____ all the stains from your washing and make it super clean.
- You had no idea how much [10]_____ cost. In fact, you didn't even know until recently that you had to pay for water!

So, despite how much you complain about still living with your parents, you know perfectly well that they've allowed you to save money, you have somewhere (nice) to live for far less than the cost of renting elsewhere, and they fill your stomachs with good food. And for that, you're eternally grateful.

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