

Living with roommates

► You're looking forward to living with a roommate, but will you get along? Before you move in together, come up with some house rules about what you both expect. For example:

- If you have friends over for dinner, ask if it's OK before they show up.
- If you get back late, come in quietly – don't wake anyone.
- If you're the last one to go to bed, turn off the TV and lights.
- If you borrow something, ask first and always give it back.

► Roommates often argue about chores. Instead of putting up with your roommate's mess, figure out some rules that work for you, like these:

- If you make a mess, clean it up.
- If you drop it, pick it up.
- If you take it out, put it back.

► If your roommate's bad habits still drive you crazy and you run out of patience, don't put off talking about it. When a problem comes up, go with things right away. Of course you might find out that you have to give up a few bad habits of your own! But with a little good humor, you'll get over any problems and things should work out.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Match the ideas to the possible meaning

Look forward to	expect
Come up with	Postpone
Have (somebody) over	Propose
Wake up	Analyze
Give back	Invite
Put up with	Abandon
Go over	Open your eyes in the morning
Clean up	Return
Run out of	Tolerate
Put off	Clean
Give up	Finish

come up with go over ✓ look forward to put off wake up

Ji Ning I never look forward to our house meetings. But I guess tonight's meeting is important. There are so many things we need to _____.

Clara I agree. Things haven't been going well lately. We should have had the meeting weeks ago. I don't know why we _____ it _____ so many times.

Ji Ning Well, part of the problem is Jasmina. When she's here, all she does is sleep. I try to be quiet because I don't want to _____ her _____, but it's not really possible to have a life when someone next door is sleeping all the time.

Clara Well, we have to _____ a plan. If we don't, we'll be fighting all the time.

clean up give back give up have over put up with run out of

Do you...

1. often **have** friends _____ ?
2. keep **running** _____ **of** cash?
3. ever **wake** anyone _____ ?
4. **put** _____ doing chores?
5. **go** _____ your bills?
6. always **give** things _____ ?
7. stay calm if a problem **comes** _____ ?
8. **come** _____ **with** ideas for meals?
9. have to **put** _____ **with** noisy neighbors?
10. ever try to **give** _____ bad habits?
11. **look** _____ **to** family dinners?
12. always **clean** _____ your mess?