

I was now independent

Прочитайте текст с пропусками, обозначенными номерами A21-A28. Эти номера соответствуют заданиям A21-A28, в которых представлены возможные варианты ответов. Обведите номер выбранного вами варианта ответа.

I had only been at university for a few hours when the enormity of it finally dawned on me: I was now independent. Having lived at home with my parents all my life up until that day, I had often dreamed of the freedom that living **A21** _____ yourself gives you. There's no one to tell you when to go to bed, when to get up, what to do, what not to do. Now, though, I felt the responsibility weighing down on me. True, there was no one giving me rules to obey, but there was also no one to **A22** _____ on but myself. If I didn't remember to go to the supermarket, there wouldn't be any food in the flat. If I didn't budget correctly, there wouldn't be Mum or Dad nearby to lend me some money. If I didn't pay the bills on time, the electricity or water would be **A23** _____ off. It was a frightening feeling, and I prayed I would be able to deal with adult life in a **A24** _____ enough way.

Over the next days and weeks, I began to realise how much I still had to learn. How could I have **A25** _____ to the age of eighteen without ever having ironed my own shirt? Was that laziness on my part ('Mum, can you iron a shirt for me?'), or had my parents and teachers failed to provide me with the skills I now needed? Whichever it was, I quickly had to learn. And learn I did – partly through trial and error, and partly **A26** _____ to the help of the new friends I was making. Many of them were in a similar situation, but we each had different skills to share. I could show them how to cook a tasty spaghetti Bolognese – a **A27** _____ every student should be able to prepare – and they could teach me how to light a gas oven or defrost a fridge.

When I went home for Christmas, I sensed that my parents were a little surprised that I had **A28** _____ to survive so well. I didn't admit it, but I felt extremely proud of all I'd accomplished so far.

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| A21 | 1) or | 2) by | 3) with | 4) on |
| A22 | 1) follow | 2) believe | 3) rely | 4) trust |
| A23 | 1) cut | 2) taken | 3) set | 4) stopped |
| A24 | 1) grown | 2) developed | 3) mature | 4) ripe |
| A25 | 1) reached | 2) got | 3) arrived | 4) appeared |
| A26 | 1) recognition | 2) praise | 3) credit | 4) thanks |
| A27 | 1) dish | 2) plate | 3) portion | 4) serving |
| A28 | 1) managed | 2) succeeded | 3) achieved | 4) handled |