

LEAVING HOME

When I first left home to start university, I thought I would feel nothing but excitement. Finally, I was free to make my own decisions. No one was telling me when to study, what time to come home, or even what to eat for dinner. At first, that freedom felt amazing. I stayed up late, explored the city, and enjoyed the idea that I was in charge of my own life.

But after a few days, the reality hit me. I missed the sound of my mother's voice calling me to the table, and I missed my father's quiet presence in the evenings. Even though I was surrounded by new classmates, I sometimes felt strangely alone. It was hard to admit, but I realised that independence also meant responsibility, and that was not always easy to handle.

Slowly, things began to change. I joined a student club, met people from different backgrounds, and discovered that sharing experiences with them helped me feel less isolated. Some of these friendships quickly became very important to me, almost like a second family. I started to see that leaving home was not just about losing comfort, but about gaining confidence.

Looking back, I can say that the mixture of emotions such as fear, excitement, sadness, and pride, was part of the process. It wasn't always comfortable, but it was necessary. Living away from home has taught me resilience, and I know that these lessons will stay with me long after my university years are over.

Part A: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Why did the student feel excited at first?
 - a. Because they missed their family
 - b. Because they had many assignments
 - c. Because they wanted to go back home
 - d. Because they could make their own decisions
2. What did the student miss most after leaving home?
 - a. Cooking their own meals
 - b. The freedom to stay up late
 - c. The chance to explore the city
 - d. The sound of their mother's voice and father's presence
3. What helped the student feel less isolated?
 - a. Studying harder
 - b. Joining a student club
 - c. Spending more time alone
 - d. Talking to their parents every day
4. How does the student describe friendships at university?
 - a. As stressful and demanding
 - b. As almost like a second family
 - c. As temporary and unimportant
 - d. As less valuable than family ties
5. What overall lesson did the student learn?
 - a. Family is not important
 - b. Independence is always easy
 - c. Leaving home teaches resilience
 - d. University life is only about studying



Part B: Answer the questions in complete sentences based on text given.

6. What examples of independence does the student mention at the beginning of the text?

7. How did the student's emotions change from the first few days to later weeks?

8. Why does the student say that leaving home was "not just about losing comfort, but about gaining confidence"?

Part C: Answer the questions in complete sentences using your own opinion.

9. If you had to live away from home, what would you miss the most, and why?

10. Do you think living away from family is necessary to become independent? Explain your opinion.

Name: _____

Class: _____

