speakout BBC INTERVIEWS EXTRA

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

1 **OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Do young people move away from their families and share flats together in your country? Whose opinions about flatmates do you agree with most?

2 Read the sentences below about Pasha's life in London. Then watch the video from 0:12–0:24 and delete the incorrect words.

Hi my name is Pasha, I work for the BBC as a producer, and I do a lot of DJing in my spare time. I [1]*lived/have* lived in London for many years now with my friends and sometimes I [2]*annoy/know* them with my music. [3]*What/How* about you? Do you have any [4]*annoying/noisy* habits?



Glossary: *annoying* = making you feel slightly angry

3 *Do you have any annoying habits?* Look at the people below and read the habits 1–7. Then watch the video from 0:27–1:16 and match the people to the habits.



Deborah



Tamara



Luke



Mairi



Chris



Chaenara



Relwyn

1 snoring when asleep [E]
2 biting her nails and talking a bit too loudly [ ]
3 taking a long time to get to the point [ ]
4 very messy [ ]
5 talking too much [ ]
6 bad at making decisions [ ]
7 leaving clothes around the bedroom and not putting them away [ ]

Glossary: *messy* = untidy and possibly dirty
snore = to breathe in a noisy way through your mouth and nose while you are asleep

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4 *Do you have any experience of flat-sharing?* Watch the video from 1:17–2:18 and match the speakers A–E to the questions 1–3.



Tamara



Deborah



Luke



Mairi



Chris

1 Who had messy and untidy flatmates? ☐☐
2 Whose flatmate(s) was/were noisy? ☐☐
3 Who had no real problems with their flatmates? ☐

5 *What habits or qualities in a flatmate would you find most annoying?* Read the habits and qualities in the box below, then watch the video from 2:22–3:33 and tick (✓) the habits the speakers mention. There are four extra habits that are *not* mentioned.

Glossary: *filth* = dirt, especially a lot of it

smoking playing computer games being insensitive making a lot of noise being messy being untidy being dirty staying in bed not clearing up after cooking a meal playing the bongo drums leaving the washing up talking too much

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6 **THE WAY WE SPEAK:** The people below talk about flat-sharing and annoying habits. Read the sentences and write a word or phrase from the video with the same meaning as the words in brackets. Watch the video from 1:18–3:33 again and check your answers.



Tamara

1 I guess a lot of students are just _____ about that (do not care).



Deborah

2 We've always _____ (had a very good relationship) and had a really nice experience.



Chris

3 So, in return, I would play music late at night when they were trying to sleep just to _____ (do to them what they did to me).



Luke

4 Smoking would be definitely up there! I _____ (really dislike) smokers.



Tamara

5 Everything else is really not _____ (important) but when you're flat sharing definitely tidiness is very important.



Relwyn

6 Not tidying up after themselves, leaving a mess after cooking – that sort of _____ (thing).

7 **PERSONALISATION:** What habits or qualities in a flatmate would you find most annoying and why? Write a short paragraph below.

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