BBC Student Accommodation



BEFORE YOU WATCH

1	n pairs, match the collocation parts. Use your dictionary	if
	necessary.	

•	Wave	\simeq
2	miss out	
3	be involved	
4	livo	

b in a project

c in a nursing home

d on the fun of student life 4 live 5 pay

e somebody goodbye

f friendships 6 develop

2 SPEAKING Discuss what typical student accommodation is like in your country.

3 SPEAKING You are going to watch a video about student accommodation. Discuss which words and phrases in the box you think you will hear.

books dining room deaf elderly people isolation loud music loud television parties peaceful posters save money

WHILE YOU WATCH

4 (b) 1) Watch the video and check your ideas in Exercise 3. What is unusual about student accommodation at Humanitas?

Complete the sentences with the numbers in the box. Then watch the video again and check your answers.

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1	Most	of the	residen	ts a	ire	over	

2 The accommodation is free for Jurrien and other students.

3 Jurrien must spend hours each month with the elderly residents.

4 Jurrien can save euros while he's studying.

5 One of the students lived in a student house when he was

6 Jurrien likes having _____ grandparents waving him goodbye when he goes to college every day.

(1 Complete the sentences. Watch the video and check your answers.

1	1 Jurrien is involved in a project to				
	young and older people				
	and the elderly with feeling				
	of loneliness and isolation.				
2	He wanted to have the of				
	connecting with elderly people.				
3	'What I've learnt here is to				
	the older residents, the older people in				

	the	older resident	s, the older peopl	e i
	our	society.'		
4	Both	1	have a lot to lear	'n

	from each other.	
5	The friendships that	are
	important for both young and old.	

AFTER YOU WATCH

SPEAKING Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of living in this kind of student accommodation. Use the KEY PHRASES to express your ideas.

The good thing about living in this kind of accommodation is that you don't have to pay rent.

KEY PHRASES

The (only) good/bad thing is that it is / about it is ...

I would/wouldn't like to live there because ...

Focus Vlog About happiness

What makes you happy?



1 SPEAKING Which three things in the box are likely to make young people happiest? Discuss.

family food fresh air friends money shopping sport sunshine

2 (63) Watch the interviews where people talk about what makes them happy. Complete the table.

	What makes him/her happy?	Why?
Jake Jake		
Laura		

3 © 3 Complete the quotes. Then watch again and check your answers.

Jake:	'You can get 1_		into the	
	countryside an	d ²	air.′	
Laura:	'Money makes me happy because I've			
	3	it, it's well-ear	ned and then I	get
	to spend it on 4		_ I want to sper	nd it
	on.'			
Lola:	'Life without fr	iends is just 5		and
	sad.'			

4 SPEAKING Discuss what makes you happy and why.

FOCUS ON LIFE SKILLS

Communication

5 Complete the profile information. Give at least one piece of information which is not true. Share your profile with your partner and guess what is not true about him/her.

I'm crazy about I also like				
and I find				
very relaxing. I think				
can be fun, but I don't like and I really				
hate				

6 SPEAKING Ask and answer the questions. Use the adjectives in the box. Explain why you feel these emotions in these situations.

How do you feel when ...

- you are meeting a friend and he/she is really late?
- you work really hard for something and you succeed?
- your team loses a game?
- a teacher appreciates your work?
- you do poorly in a test?
- your best friend doesn't want to help you with your homework?
- you have a house to yourself for the weekend?

angry bored excited happy irritated lonely proud relaxed sad stressed worried

When I'm meeting a friend who is really late I usually feel irritated. I don't like when people waste my time.

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BBC Urban legends



BEFORE YOU WATCH

- 1 SPEAKING Only one of sentences 1–5 is a fact, the others are urban legends. Which sentence do you think is true? Discuss.
 - You can see the Great Wall of China from space with the naked eye.
 - 2 People only use 10 percent of their brains.
 - 3 An earthquake can change the length of a day.
 - 4 Chewing gum stays in your body for seven years.
 - 5 Elvis Presley is alive.
- 2 Choose the correct option.
 - 1 You measure an earthquake on the *Richter /* Weighing / Global scale.
 - 2 A crowd is a small / large / young group of people.
 - 3 When you want to test a theory, you make / carry / do an experiment.

WHILE YOU WATCH

3	Complete the presenter's introduction to the video
	with the correct words in the box. There are two
	extra words.

all	billion	entire	exactly	move	stop	
lmag	gine in fi	ive minu	ites' time	, everyo	ne on t	he
1		plane	et was go	ing to j	ump at	
2		the s	ame time	e. From	London	to
Sydr	ney, Del	hi to Ne	w York, 6	.9 ³		_ peop
leap	in the a	ir. Coulc	they ma	ke the e	arth	
4		?				



(b) 6 Watch the first part of the video (up to 0:53) and check your answers. What do you think is the answer to the question in Exercise 3?



is it? Why did Greg choose this place to do the experiment? Watch the next part of the video (00:53 – 01:30) and check your ideas.



6 Watch the rest of the video (01:30 – 03:13). Put the events in chronological order.

- a Greg tests Paul Denton's machine.
 - **b** Greg arrives at Reading Festival.
 - c Everybody jumps.
 - d So the urban legend is completely untrue.
 - e The jump measures 0.6 on the Richter Scale.
 - f You can see the jump on Paul's machine.
 - g Greg tells the crowd about his experiment.
 - **h** But you need 8 on the Richter scale to move the planet.

AFTER YOU WATCH

- 7 SPEAKING Greg Foot has done a series of videos like this one. Which of the following would you be most interested in? Tick three and then compare your ideas with a partner.
 - 1 Why is fire hot?
 - 2 Can I escape from quicksand?
 - 3 If a coin falls off the top of the Empire State Building and hits someone on the pavement, will it kill them?
 - 4 Why does a boomerang come back?
 - 5 Can you survive in a falling lift?

6 Focus Vlog About technology

When was the last time you had a problem with technology?



- 1 SPEAKING Ask and answer the questions.
 - 1 What kind of technology do you usually use ...
 - for school?
 - in your free time?
 - to keep in touch with people?
 - 2 What do you use the Internet for?
 - 3 What do you use your mobile phone for?

	a mobile phone	music loudspeakers	a desktop computer
Laura			
Callum			
lake			

- with a partner. Then watch again and check.

 1 Laura couldn't get on the Internet in the car.
 - 2 Callum had problems listening to music on his phone.
 - 3 Jake's speakers were making a strange sound.
 - 4 Laura needed to get Wi-Fi to book a flight.
 - 5 Callum was trying to contact his friends while he was at school.
 - 6 Jake was chilling out at home when the speakers started popping.
 - SPEAKING Have you ever had any of the problems in Exercise 3? Tell your partner about the last time you had a problem with technology.

FOCUS ON LIFE SKILLS

Communication • Critical thinking

- 5 SPEAKING Discuss the questions. Use the phrases below to ask your partner to explain their opinion.
 - 1 Do you think technology is making the world a better place to live in?
 - 2 Would you say teenagers spend too much time on their mobile phones?
 - 3 Are social media sites important in our lives?
 - 4 Do you agree that technology is improving the way we communicate?

Use the following as examples:

- · What evidence is there that ...?
- Why do you think that ...?
- How do you know that ...?
- When did people start believing that ...?
- Where did you read that ...?
- A: Do you think technology is making the world a better place to live in?
- B: Yes, I do.
- A: Why do you think that?



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