

Getting Along With a Roommate

RESOLVING CONFLICTS

Read each situation below. Make suggestions so that problems between the roommates can be improved.



RYA AND MONICA

Rya and Monica are roommates in a college dorm. Rya studies a lot and Monica does not. Monica has friends over almost every night. Rya has asked Monica not to entertain in their dorm room during study time.

WAYNE AND BOB

Wayne and Bob are roommates. They love theater and often act in the local playhouse. A new play is being cast, and they both want the same role. The stress of competing has led to fights over things that usually wouldn't be a problem.

ELLE, CINDY, AND LYNNE

Elle, Cindy, and Lynne are roommates. They share bathroom supply expenses. This works out OK except that Cindy has started washing her hair twice a day. The other two roommates wash their hair every other day.

RICH, MIKE, AND MARK

Rich, Mike, and Mark are roommates. They have made a cleaning schedule so the chores are evenly split. However, Mark does not help clean the house when it is his turn.

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PREVENTING CONFLICTS

Conflicts are problems between people. Roommates, at home and in college, do not always agree. Read each situation below. Describe ways of dealing with the situations so that the roommates can get along.



TREVOR AND ZACH

Trevor and Zach are college roommates. Trevor parties until 3:00 a.m. and sleeps until noon. Zach is a music major and wants to practice at 8:00 a.m. Trevor says he needs Zach to practice in the afternoon. Zach says he goes to class in the afternoons.

MEGAN AND KATIE

Megan and Katie are sisters who share a bedroom. Megan is older and always wants to be in charge. She tells Katie to sleep by the window. Katie wants to put her bed by the door to the hallway.

DEREK AND GRANT

Derek and Grant are roommates at wrestling camp. Derek needs to eat carefully to stay within wrestling weight limits. Grant does not have a weight problem, so he eats a lot of junk food in the room.

ABIGAIL AND REBECCA

Abigail and Rebecca share an apartment. They both love to listen to music. Abigail likes country music, and Rebecca likes rock music. They share a stereo which is in the living room.