

LESSON 185

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Writing an essay

Please note: There are writing homework titles at the end of this book.

An essay:

- is a short piece of writing that presents ideas on a particular topic and discusses them. The writer reaches some kind of conclusion at the end;
- is usually written by students (at school, college or university) for a teacher, professor etc.

“For young single adults, living alone is a better option than sharing accommodation.” Discuss.

Most young single adults live either with family members or friends. However, these days, many are choosing to live on their own.

(2) Each paragraph should focus on a particular point, or aspect of the topic, that you want to discuss.

One advantage of not sharing accommodation is that you have *control over your time*. You can go out with friends whenever you like, but if you want a quiet evening with a book or film, for example, you can have it; there is nobody around to interfere with your plans.

(1) Start with general information that introduces the topic of your essay.

Another benefit of living alone is that you are not forced to put up with other people’s annoying habits, whether it is *dirty plates in the sink or loud music late at night*. Living alone means you automatically avoid the awkward conversations and arguments that housemates often have about things like this.

(3) Make your ideas clearer by illustrating them with examples.

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On the other hand, sharing accommodation with others is normally far cheaper than living alone, and this is a major advantage. Rent is cheaper as it is shared among everyone in the property, and heating and electricity bills are also lower for the same reason.