

# 1 Language Excellence

## Presentation: Rules and regulations

1 Match the headings 1–4 with the paragraphs A–D.

1 Cars, motorcycles and bikes

2 Behaviour in accommodation

3 Guests

4 Behaviour towards others



### Student Accommodation Rules and Regulations

A

Keep noise at an acceptable level at all times.  
Reduce the volume of noise if someone requests it.  
Behave with respect towards other residents.  
Bullying and harassment are unacceptable.  
Report any incidents to university staff.  
Do not bring any pets into the building.

B

Ensure that the communal areas such as the kitchen and bathroom are clean and tidy.  
Remove all rubbish regularly.  
Keep your room clean.  
Request written permission from the university for any social event.  
Report any damage to the property promptly.  
Do not use cooking equipment in the bedrooms.  
Do not smoke inside the building.

C

You must obtain and display a parking permit for your car or motorcycle.  
Park your bicycles in the bicycle racks. Do not take them inside the building.

D

Sign in all visitors at the main entrance.  
Guests may stay for a maximum of two nights a week.  
Only one guest is allowed at a time. Families are not permitted.

#### Rules and regulations

Regulations can be long documents, so it helps to divide the text up into headed paragraphs to help the reader navigate the list and find the relevant information quickly.

#### Remember!

Rules and regulations often include nouns that are uncountable in English. Check that you have used the nouns correctly.

*Remove rubbish regularly.*

*Keep noise at an acceptable level.*

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## Practice: Rules and regulations

### Countable and uncountable nouns

#### Countable nouns

a bicycle / party

two bicycles / parties

How many bicycles / parties?

#### Uncountable nouns

(some) noise / advice

How much noise / advice?

#### Collective nouns considered as an impersonal unit

The average British **family** has 2.4 children.

Real Madrid football **team** is one of the most famous Spanish teams.

#### Collective nouns considered as people doing personal things

My **family** **have** decided to move to London.

Our football **team** **have** been training hard all season.

### Typical errors

The teacher gave me a lot of advices. **X**

The teacher gave me a lot of advice. **✓**

How many rubbish is there? **X**

How much rubbish is there? **✓**

The committee are made up of 80% men and 20% women. **X**

The committee is made up of 80% men and 20% women. **✓**

### 1 Circle the correct words.

I always listen to her **advices** / **advice**.

1 I didn't bring my desk from home because we can't keep our own **furniture** / **furnitures** here.

2 I locked up my **motorcycle** / **motorcycles** and parked it by the door.

3 The students made so much **noise** / **noises** that I couldn't sleep.

4 The **facility** / **facilities** in this sports centre are excellent.

5 My football **team** / **teams** are doing very well this year. They could win the championship.

### 2 Complete the sentences with *much* or *many*.

How much luggage did she take with her?

1 They don't provide \_\_\_\_\_ equipment in the kitchen.

2 The college has too \_\_\_\_\_ rules now, it didn't use to be so regulated.

3 How \_\_\_\_\_ times a week can a guest stay?

4 The students are quite responsible. There isn't usually \_\_\_\_\_ disturbance.

5 How \_\_\_\_\_ rubbish is recycled at the college?

### 3 Correct the errors in the sentences.

Sometimes the students make a lot of noises.

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1 Politics are my favourite subject.

2 There are inspection once a month.

3 The whole of our department is getting ready for the meeting.

4 A couple of my friends wants to live abroad.

## Final Writing Task

### Rules and regulations

Write some rules and regulations for a place that you visit regularly. Use the text on page 1 to help you.

- Include a variety of verbs, rather than a list using *You must ...* or *You mustn't ...*
- Make sure you use the correct singular or plural form of nouns.  
*Don't make too much noise. Be careful with the equipment.*