



# Halls of residence

## International cultural knowledge – Choosing accommodation

1 Read the post on a university website forum and answer the questions. Use a dictionary if you need to.

- 1 Which word means 'you do your own cooking'? .....
- 2 Which word means 'a private bathroom connected to a room'? .....
- 3 What does *not bothered about* mean? .....
- 4 What does *appreciate* mean? .....

2 Now read about three different halls of residences. Which one is best for Sonya? Why? Which of her requirements are **not** met?

I'm going to university next year and need to choose my hall of residence. Can anyone help? Ideally, I'm looking for:

- ▮ undergraduate accommodation
- ▮ self-catering
- ▮ would very much appreciate my own room
- ▮ not bothered about ensuite
- ▮ would like piano access
- ▮ don't mind a walk into town
- ▮ prefer a flat rather than long corridors of rooms

Any suggestions?

**Sonya**



### Logie House

Logie House consists of part-catered accommodation for 100 students. Each of the five floors has rooms on one corridor with access to two bathrooms and a kitchen for students to prepare snacks and light meals. The restaurant provides hot and cold meals throughout the day as well as a take-away service. Catering is provided during term-time only, and so students must self-cater during vacations.

### Park Hall

The newest hall of residence is Park Hall, which opened in 2005 and accommodates 250 students. The individual study bedrooms are arranged into flats, each with five study bedrooms, a kitchen and a bathroom. Park Hall can accommodate undergraduate and postgraduate students. The hall is self-catering but students may use the self-service restaurant at nearby Hamilton Hall. This restaurant provides a range of hot and cold meals throughout the day.

### The Taylor Building

The Taylor Building was built in 2000 and is situated on three floors above the University bookshop. There are 20 flats suitable for postgraduates or mature undergraduates. 10 flats are studio flats, for single students. The other 10 are family flats for couples or single parents with one child. All rooms have a private bathroom. The Taylor Building is near the town centre.



3 Read the text again and choose a, b or c.

- 1 What are the cooking and eating arrangements in Park Hall?
  - a You cook for yourself unless you want to pay for a meal in a student restaurant.
  - b There is a restaurant in Park Hall for the 250 students who live there.
  - c Each study room has its own cooking facilities.
- 2 You can live in a family flat in the Taylor Building only if you
  - a are a married undergraduate or postgraduate.
  - b are a postgraduate or a mature student and are married with at least one child.
  - c are a postgraduate or a mature student with either a partner or a child.

- 3 Students who live in Logie House have
  - a ensuite bathrooms.
  - b shared flats.
  - c meals provided in term time.

4 Imagine that you are going to live in a hall of residence. Circle the options you would select. Use your dictionary if necessary.

- accommodation for: undergraduates/postgraduates/mature students
- self-catering/catered
- own room/shared room
- ensuite bathroom/separate bathroom
- a room in a flat/a room on a corridor
- on campus/away from campus