

What about the house keys?

LEARNING OUTCOME learn how to discuss new accommodation

Everyday life

1 Look at the photo and answer the questions.

Where are the people and what are they doing?
Is your room a good place for studying?



Everyday vocabulary

2 Match the words (1-8) to the words (a-h) to make compound nouns.

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| 1 coat | a transport |
| 2 Internet | b table |
| 3 public | c keys |
| 4 house | d connection |
| 5 bedside | e stop |
| 6 bus | f control |
| 7 TV | g hanger |
| 8 bedside | h lamp |

3 Look at the list in 2 again and answer the questions.

- a Which items are inside a house?
- b Which items are outside a house?
- c Which are the most important for you?

Dialogue

4 04 Listen to the dialogue. What is the most important thing for Laura about the accommodation?

Laura is doing a student exchange. She is staying with a host family. Mrs Cole is showing her her room in the house.

Mrs Cole: This is your room, Laura. It's quite small but there is space on top of the wardrobe for your bags. There's a TV and a table.

Laura: (1)

Mrs Cole: In the wardrobe! (2)
If you need more hangers, just ask.

Laura: OK. Is there any more space for my things?

Mrs Cole: The bedside table has got three drawers. There's some space under the bed, too.

Laura: Perfect.

Mrs Cole: You switch on the TV with this control and there is a bedside lamp if you want to read at night. Do you have any more questions?

Laura: (3)

Mrs Cole: Good question. I'm here most of the time but you can have your own house keys.
(4)

Laura: Thanks. What about public transport?

Mrs Cole: There is a bus stop about two minutes walk up the main road. (5)

Laura: Excellent. And finally, Mrs Cole, the most important thing. (6)

Mrs Cole: Of course!

5 Read and complete the dialogue with the phrases (a-f). Then listen again and check.

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| a Bus number 7 takes you to the centre. | d Is there always someone at home? |
| b Have you got an Internet connection? | e Where do I put my clothes? |
| c Here they are! | f There are some coat hangers inside. |

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Look at the expressions from the dialogue.

Who says each one: Laura or Mrs Cole?

- Where do I put my clothes?
- Is there any more space for my things?
- Do you have any more questions?
- What about public transport?
- Have you got an Internet connection?
- There's some space under the bed, too.
- There is a bus stop about two minutes walk up the main road.

6 Read the dialogue again and find examples of the following:

- four places where Laura can put things
- five expressions for responding to information

Over to you!

6 Work in pairs. One of you is a member of the host family, and the other is the exchange student. Follow the steps below and role-play a conversation. Then change roles. Use the expressions in the Everyday English Toolkit and the language in 6.

Host: First, describe the room of the exchange student. *This is your room ...*
Then, answer the exchange student's questions about the accommodation.

Exchange student: Listen to the host describe your room. Then, ask them questions about your room, the keys, the Internet connection, the public transport and anything else you want to know.