



Campus Life Part 1 (Adv.)

Don't wanna miss out

About this lesson

In this lesson you will learn:

- How to inquire about someone's college living situation
- How to explain your choice to live on or off campus
- How to talk about life in a typical university dorm

Are you living on campus?

Are you **planning on** living **on campus** this year?
你今年**打算住****在學校里**麼?

Are you gonna **go for** an **apartment**?
你要**去住****公寓**麼?

Or do you think you might join a **Greek**?
你還是想加入個**聯誼會**?

I'm gonna stay in the dorms

I think I'm just gonna stay in **the dorms**.
我想我會繼續住**宿舍**。

The food's **lousy**, but there are other things I like about it.
伙食**不怎麼樣**，不過其它方面我挺喜歡。

I like studying and hanging out with my **floormates**.
我喜歡和**同一層的人**一起學習，一起玩兒。

We even **go out** to parties together.
我們甚至一塊兒**出去**參加聚會。

We're close

I love the dorms because you make friends **that last you all through** college.
我喜歡宿舍，因為你能交到**大學四年一直和你要好的**朋友。

My floormates and I have all **gotten pretty close**.
我跟我們那一層的人都**混得很熟**。

Where the party's at

When I go to other floors, everyone's always **closed up in their room** studying.
我到別的樓層去，看到所有人都**把自己關在屋里**學習。

Everyone knows our floor is **where the party's at!**
所有人都知道，要想**找派對**就得來我們這層！

An apartment off campus

Most universities don't offer on-campus apartment housing. However, apartments are usually no more than a short walk or bus ride from campus.

My friend lives in an **apartment off campus** and loves it.
我朋友住在一個**校外公寓**里，很滿意。

He's got two roommates, and they all share a really nice **two-bedroom**.
他有兩個室友，三個人一起住一個特別好的**雙臥室**公寓。

It's **pretty pricey**, but he really **enjoys his freedom**.
租金**挺貴**，不過他**喜歡**這樣住能**自由自在**。

Don't wanna miss out

Many American college students don't like living in apartments because they feel isolated from campus events and the general college spirit. Others don't mind distancing themselves from campus life.

But I feel like if you live in an apartment you might **miss out**.
但是我覺得，如果你住在公寓里，就可能會**錯過**很多東西。

You have **to make an effort to keep up with** what's going on.
你得**努力**去了解，才能**跟上**校園生活的最新動態。

I'm worried I'd **miss out** on all the fun stuff that goes on.
我擔心我會**錯過**學校里所有好玩的活動。

general

Dorms are an extremely popular housing option for American students, especially in the first year of college. There are many reasons why students choose them. They tend to be located on campus, they provide the opportunity to meet friends and study partners, they're secure and supervised, and they usually combine all living expenses, including meals, into one reasonable fee.

roomies

Of course, there are downsides to living in the dorms too. It's almost certain that you will have a roommate, with whom you must share a very small living space. In addition, most dorms in the US are co-ed, meaning they house both men and women. Many even have co-ed bathrooms! Some students prefer not to live with people of the opposite sex.

floors

Dorms are organized by floor. Each floor tends to have 10-15 rooms, each housing at least two people. Some students like to make friends and bond with their "floormates," others prefer a more solitary lifestyle where they can focus on their studies. If you feel you don't fit in on your floor or with your roommate, you can request to be moved.

RAs

Each floor, or at least every other floor, has an RA, or "resident advisor." This is a paid position that requires supervising the inhabitants of your floor, and making sure they have anything they need. Some RAs are very strict, and others can be quite lax. Strict RAs are vigilant about keeping drinking and other forbidden activities out of the dorms. Others turn a blind eye to such activities, as long as they know their students are safe.