

Living with a Roommate

Being a good roommate:

Your room is now your home away from home. Make sure both you and your roommate feel that way. Figure out a way to make your space comfortable for each of you.

Now, there will be some things you share and some that you don't. Make sure you and your roommate communicate what will be shared no matter who brought it. Talk about if it's ok to borrow a pair of shoes or a tennis racquet.

Unless you and your roommate have exactly the same schedule you might want to discuss the alarm clock. One big issue might be snooze button etiquette. Are you OK with using it? Is it going to bother you if your roommate snoozes more than once?

Another important thing you will want to discuss is your guest policy. You don't want issues about visitors ruining your relationship with your roommate. Talk about when and if you allow overnight guest. Discuss when you want quiet hours and study time.

Most importantly remember to be realistic. Your new roommate may or may not end up being your best friend. Just because you don't hang out on the weekend doesn't mean you can't be great roommates. Remember to respect one another and keep a clear line of communication open.

