

UPPER INTERMEDIATE UNIT 1

- 1 OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Do young people move away from their families and share flats together in your country? Whose opinions about flatmates do you agree with most?
- 2** Read the sentences below about Pasha's life in London. Then watch the video from 0:12–0:24 and delete the incorrect words.

Hi my name is Pasha, I work for the BBC as a producer, and I do a lot of DJing in my spare time. I ¹lived/have lived in London for many years now with my friends and sometimes I ²annoy/know them with my music. ³What/How about you? Do you have any ⁴annoying/noisy habits?



Glossary: *annoying* = making you feel slightly angry

- 3** Do you have any annoying habits? Look at the people below and read the habits 1–7. Then watch the video from 0:27–1:16 and match the people to the habits.



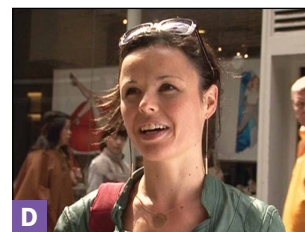
A Deborah



B Tamara



C Luke



D Mairi



E Chris



F Chaenara



G Relwyn

- 1 snoring when asleep
- 2 biting her nails and talking a bit too loudly
- 3 taking a long time to get to the point
- 4 very messy
- 5 talking too much
- 6 bad at making decisions
- 7 leaving clothes around the bedroom and not putting them away

E

Glossary: *messy* = untidy and possibly dirty

snore = to breathe in a noisy way through your mouth and nose while you are asleep

- 4** Do you have any experience of flat-sharing? Watch the video from 1:17–2:18 and match the speakers A–E to the questions 1–3.



A Tamara



B Deborah



C Luke



D Mairi



E Chris

- 1 Who had messy and untidy flatmates?
- 2 Whose flatmate(s) was/were noisy?
- 3 Who had no real problems with their flatmates?

- 5** What habits or qualities in a flatmate would you find most annoying? Read the habits and qualities in the box below, then watch the video from 2:22–3:33 and tick (✓) the habits the speakers mention. There are four extra habits that are *not* mentioned.

Glossary: *filth* = dirt, especially a lot of it

smoking	playing computer games	being insensitive	making a lot of noise	being messy
being untidy	being dirty	staying in bed	not clearing up after cooking a meal	
playing the bongo drums	leaving the washing up	talking too much		

- 6 THE WAY WE SPEAK:** The people below talk about flat-sharing and annoying habits. Read the sentences and write a word or phrase from the video with the same meaning as the words in brackets. Watch the video from 1:19–1:55 again and check your answers.



Tamara

- 1 I guess a lot of students are just _____ about that (do not care).



Deborah

- 2 We've always _____ (had a very good relationship) and had a really nice experience.



Chris

- 3 So, in return, I would play music late at night when they were trying to sleep just to _____ (do to them what they did to me).



Luke

- 4 Smoking would be definitely up there! I _____ (really dislike) smokers.



Tamara

- 5 Everything else is really not _____ (important) but when you're flat sharing definitely tidiness is very important.



Relwyn

- 6 Not tidying up after themselves, leaving a mess after cooking – that sort of _____ (thing).

- 7 PERSONALISATION:** What habits or qualities in a flatmate would you find most annoying and why? Write a short paragraph below.
