

# A flatmate who's fun

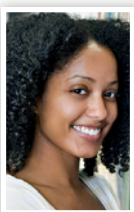
## A Vocabulary & grammar Wortschatz & Grammatik

- 1 An email.** Notieren Sie die Verben in Helenas E-Mail in der richtigen Form.

Hi Caroline,  
 How are you? I **1** \_\_\_\_\_ (not write) for a long time and I want to tell you my news. My flatmate Sarah **2** \_\_\_\_\_ (move out) last month and I have a new flatmate who is very nice. Sarah was nice too but she was sometimes a bit noisy and she **3** \_\_\_\_\_ (not like) cats. I want to get a cat so I **4** \_\_\_\_\_ (need) someone who likes cats. I **5** \_\_\_\_\_ (try) a website with flat shares and found Susie. She's quiet, she **6** \_\_\_\_\_ (like) animals and she **7** \_\_\_\_\_ (not smoke). And she **8** \_\_\_\_\_ (can) cook! She **9** \_\_\_\_\_ (work) for a computer company. You can **10** \_\_\_\_\_ (meet) her when you come to visit me. Write soon!  
 Love from Helena

- 2 What do they look like?** Hören Sie die Beschreibungen der Personen und schreiben Sie die Buchstaben in die Kästchen. ▶ 30

**a** Colin   **b** Emma   **c** Katie   **d** Lee   **e** Sophie



**3 Complete the descriptions.** Vervollständigen Sie die Beschreibungen mit dem passenden Adjektiv.

adventurous arrogant creative honest kind optimistic  
outgoing patient selfish sensitive

Someone who ...

- 1 has new ideas is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 likes adventures is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 thinks life is good is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 can wait a long time is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5 always says what's true is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6 always does what he or she wants is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 7 likes making new friends is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 never hurts other people's feelings is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 thinks about other people is \_\_\_\_\_.
- 10 thinks he or she is always right is \_\_\_\_\_.



### English & German

He's very sensitive. Er ist sehr sensibel.

She's very sensible. Sie ist sehr vernünftig.

**4 Underline the right option.** Unterstreichen Sie das richtige Wort.

- 1 I need a flatmate *which* / *who* is outgoing because I have a lot of friends.
- 2 My ideal flat is one *that* / *who* has four rooms.
- 3 A good friend is someone *which* / *who* is kind and thoughtful.
- 4 A perfect boss is one *which* / *that* is not arrogant.
- 5 Fish and chips is a dish *which* / *who* is very popular in England.
- 6 General Motors is a company *that* / *who* makes cars.

**5 Who is it?** Welche Person wird beschrieben? Hören Sie zu und unterstreichen Sie das richtige Wort. ▶ 31

- 1 colleague / friend / neighbour / relative
- 2 stranger / flatmate / partner / relative
- 3 colleague / friend / neighbour / flatmate
- 4 partner / flatmate / stranger / relative

**6 Flat hunting.** Unterstreichen Sie das richtige Wort.

- 1 *How / What* are the other flatmates like?
- 2 *Do / Does* anyone smoke?
- 3 Are you looking for a *man / men* or a woman?
- 4 What kind of person do you get on *good / well* with?
- 5 Are *any / some* hobbies a problem for you?
- 6 *Are / Is* there a big kitchen?

**7a Find the words.** Finden Sie vier Wörter, die mit dem Thema Wohnungssuche zu tun haben.

flathunter / smokingaccommodationprofessionalsensible

**7b Put the words into the text.** Vervollständigen Sie den Text mit den Wörtern aus 7a.

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**Looking for 1** \_\_\_\_\_? We need a new flatmate! We are looking for someone to live with us in our 5-room flat in central Manchester. We want a **2** \_\_\_\_\_ who can pay the rent and is a tidy, **3** \_\_\_\_\_ and honest person. One important house rule is: no **4** \_\_\_\_\_. If you are a flat hunter please contact us! Maureen, Heather and Daniel

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## B Pronunciation Aussprachetraining

8 **Listen and repeat.** Hören Sie zu, achten Sie auf die Aussprache der markierten Silben und sprechen Sie nach. ▶ 32

- |                                   |                                      |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 You're often <b>impulsive</b> . | 4 He is very <b>serious</b> .        |
| 2 She is very <b>sensible</b> .   | 5 We are both <b>professionals</b> . |
| 3 She is a <b>kind</b> person.    | 6 He is a bit <b>overweight</b> .    |

## C Countries & cultures Länder & Kulturen

Das englische Wort *friend* hat nicht immer die gleiche Bedeutung wie das deutsche Wort ‚Freund‘. *Friend* wird im Englischen viel häufiger benutzt, auch für relativ flüchtige Bekanntschaften. Eine Umfrage hat ergeben, dass der Durchschnittsengländer 37 *friends* hat, während der Durchschnittsdeutsche nur fünf Freunde angibt! Fragt man nach, stellt man fest, dass der Begriff inhaltlich anders besetzt ist, sodass Mitleid mit den scheinbar kontaktarmen Deutschen überflüssig wäre.

Im Englischen werden auch Nachbarn und Kollegen als Freunde bezeichnet. In britischen Betrieben geht man mit Kollegen oft nach der Arbeit kurz ins Pub und tauscht auch Privates aus. Das Verhältnis unter Kollegen in deutschen Firmen kommt Briten daher oft distanziert vor. Auch Urlaubsbekanntschaften werden als *friends* bezeichnet und sogar Menschen, die man bei einem Pub-Besuch kennengelernt hat! Während man in Deutschland zuerst den Familiennamen austauscht, nennt man in englischsprachigen Ländern beim Kennenlernen oft nur den Vornamen. Deshalb finden manche Engländer, dass man jemanden sehr gut kennen muss, um seinen bzw. ihren Familiennamen zu kennen!

9 **Did you know?** Haben Sie's gewusst?

Welches Wort wird vor allem in England statt *friend* oft verwendet?

- a bloke    b chap    c mate

QUIZ

## D English around the world Englisch rund um die Welt

10 Listen and compare. Hören Sie zu und vergleichen Sie. ▶ 33



I **live** in London.  
She had a party for her  
**retirement**.

I can meet you **after** 10 a.m.  
It's a **small** room.



I **stay** in London.  
She had a party for her **retiral**.

I can meet you **the back of** 10 a.m.  
It's a **wee** room.

## E Translating & interpreting Übersetzen & Dolmetschen

11 Translation. Barbara, eine junge englische Austauschstudentin, sucht für ein Semester ein WG-Zimmer in Frankfurt. Sie findet folgende Annonce am Schwarzen Brett der Uni. Helfen Sie ihr, indem Sie die Annonce übersetzen.

### Mitbewohner/in gesucht!

Wir suchen eine nette Person für 3 Monate (egal ob Mann oder Frau). Unser/e neue/r Mitbewohner/in muss ehrlich, vernünftig und tolerant und Nicht-Raucher/in sein!

Wir sind eine Studentin und ein junger Berufstätiger. Wir hören gerne Musik und kochen gerne. Wir mögen keine Tiere, also bitte keine Haustiere!

Für weitere Infos: **0154 347865**

Marlene und Fabian

Flatmate wanted!

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# My new friend

by Anna Marten

In the past it was difficult to find old friends. There was no internet, email or social media. Now reunions<sup>1</sup> are easy to

organise – of families, school and university friends, colleagues, or old neighbours. I usually go to reunions, and I have had some interesting experiences<sup>2</sup>.

People change: Some of my old friends are bald and overweight now, and some were overweight when we were at school and are now slim and attractive. Some of my old friends were arrogant and are now sensitive and thoughtful.

I don't know if people will recognise<sup>3</sup> me. I wasn't sporty at school but I am now. When I was



at school I didn't work hard but now I am an ambitious professional and have a good job and a nice flat. But I still worry

about some things. Will my friends think I am interesting? Will we be friends now? Will we have things to talk about? Will they have more money, more children and bigger houses? But sometimes there can be a surprise and I make a new friend. At one reunion, I met Celia, who was my teacher when I was at school. Then I thought she was old and boring, but now she is a friend who is great fun!

I used to worry about reunions but now I love going to them and making new friends!

1 (Familien- / Klassen-) Treffen 2 Erfahrungen 3 wiedererkennen

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