
词汇: student life 学生生活

You've studied hard, you've got the grades and now you're off to university! This is the journey that many students are taking, but how prepared are they to leave home, **stand on their own two feet** and be **self-sufficient**? One study, carried out by the Higher Education Policy Institute and Unite Students in 2017, suggested that as well as being excited and nervous, many students are deeply **ill-informed** about what to expect.

Of course, **flying the nest** to go to university is the **opportunity of a lifetime**, but to make the most of it needs some **preparation** before you arrive. This means learning **life skills** such as cooking and cleaning. You'll no longer be able to rely on Mum and Dad to feed you or clear up after you, so try to learn how to make some **staple** dishes that are quick and easy to prepare. Graduate Peter Rogers told the BBC: "I didn't really have anything other than **rudimentary** cookery skills before I went to university and found learning to cook was reasonably enjoyable." Other things to do while at home is to practise some of those **household chores**, like operating the washing machine or ironing your clothes!

These domestic skills will come in useful because students will probably be living with others such as in a **flat share** or shared **campus-based accommodation**. This will also require **taking responsibility** for managing their **finances** because, apart from **tuition fees**, accommodation is likely to be the biggest cost for students living away from home. However, the Higher Education Policy Institute and Unite Students study found only about half of the would-be students surveyed identified **rent** as the biggest expense and concluded that this suggests more should be done to help in the **transition** between school and university.

New students are going to have to be **sociable** as well – not just relying on old friends at home. Going to university requires meeting new people and making new friends. This often begins in **Freshers' Week** although journalism student Emmeke Megannety warns that: "People starting uni need to remember that the people you meet in your first week will not necessarily be your friends for life." But whatever your expectations, it's good to be prepared for the **time of your life**.

词汇表

stand on one's own two feet	独立自主
self-sufficient	自立的, 自给自足的
ill-informed	了解有限
fly the nest	“离巢” (指离开父母, 独立生活)
opportunity of a lifetime	难得的机会
preparation	准备
life skills	生活技能
staple	主要的
rudimentary	基本的
household chores	家务活
flat share	合租公寓
campus	(大学) 校园, 校内
accommodation	住宿
take responsibility	承担责任
finances	财务
tuition fees	学费
rent	租金, 房租
transition	过渡
sociable	善于社交的
Freshers' Week	新生周
time of your life	非常美好的时光

测验与练习

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. In this article, what kind of skills are learning cooking and cleaning described as?

2. How did graduate Peter Rogers find learning to cook for himself?

3. Where might a new student live when they go to university?

4. True or false? *Accommodation is the only big cost for students living away from home.*

5. What will you have to make when you go away to university?

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. Our manager seemed _____ about the project and wasn't able to give us much help.

ill-formed	ill-informed	ill-inform	ill-unformed
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2. My parents were a little worried about me _____ to start university at first. I had never lived on my own before.

transition	financing	flying the nest	self-sufficient
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3. According to his postcard, my brother is having the _____ on his holiday in Australia.

time of his life	time of his lives	times of his life	time of life
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4. My girlfriend is very _____ and is always making new friends.

self-sufficient	rudimentary	transitional	sociable
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5. For my first year at university, I'll be living on _____.

Freshers' Week	finances	campus	flat share
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答案

1. 阅读课文并回答问题。

1. In this article, what kind of skills are learning cooking and cleaning described as?

Learning these skills are often referred to as life skills.

2. How did graduate Peter Rogers find learning to cook for himself?

He said he found “learning to cook was reasonably enjoyable.”

3. Where might a new student live when they go to university?

They might live in a flat share or shared campus-based accommodation.

4. True or false? *Accommodation is the only big cost for students living away from home.*

False. Tuition fees are also considered the biggest costs for students.

5. What will you have to make when you go away to university?

Going to university requires making new friends.

2. 选择意思恰当的单词或词组来完成下列句子。

1. Our manager seemed **ill-informed** about the project and wasn't able to give us much help.

2. My parents were a little worried about me **flying the nest** to start university at first. I had never lived on my own before.

3. According to his postcard, my brother is having the **time of his life** on his holiday in Australia.

4. My girlfriend is very **sociable** and is always making new friends.

5. For my first year at university, I'll be living on **campus**.