

**Video UK: Settling in to UK student life – exercises**

**How does it feel coming from abroad to study in the UK? Students from the United States share their experiences of settling in to UK student life.**

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

**Preparation: matching**

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... to settle in  | a. to have a good relationship  |
| 2..... freshers      | b. to become comfortable with a new way of life   |
| 3..... two dozen     | c. the people you share your room with  |
| 4..... an ambassador | d. new university students  |
| 5..... roommates     | e. twenty-four  |
| 6..... to get along  | f. to relax and not be shy  |
| 7..... to let go     | g. based on an oversimplified or false idea that people have about the characteristics of a person or group |
| 8..... stereotypical | h. an official representative of a particular group or country  |

**1. Check your understanding: matching**

Match the people with the ideas and write a–e next to the speakers 1–5.

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| 1..... Speaker 1: Ashlee  | a. I feel more confident and outgoing here.                   |
| 2..... Speaker 2: William | b. I have an official role helping international students.    |
| 3..... Speaker 3: Marlee  | c. The journey to the UK was more difficult than the arrival. |
| 4..... Speaker 4: Harry   | d. Students are at the heart of this city.                    |
| 5..... Speaker 5: Briana  | e. I realise it's a cliché, but that's why I came here.       |

## 2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Ashlee likes the people she lives with.  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | William thinks the activities organised for new students help you make friends.    | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | William found it difficult to be himself with people at first.                     | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | Marlee helps students from all over the world settle in to life at her university. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | Harry had a bad experience with fish and chips.                                    | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Harry thinks living in a different country helps you appreciate the culture.       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | Briana still likes the special atmosphere of her university.                       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | Briana says that Edinburgh University feels close to home.                         | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

## 3. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a word from the box.

stereotypical	freshers'	get along	dozen
live	run	ambassador	settle in

- Me and my roommates we all \_\_\_\_\_, so that's great.
- There's a whole heap of \_\_\_\_\_ events, which were great at helping people socialise.
- I made two \_\_\_\_\_ friends in the first week I was here.
- Now as a second year I'm an international \_\_\_\_\_ for American students coming to Bangor.
- I help them \_\_\_\_\_, and we go on trips all over the UK and see different places.
- I hate to be like the \_\_\_\_\_ Beatles fan, but I came here 'cause Paul and John, obviously.
- I really like this city. I like how small it is and everything and how there's so many places to play \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's almost like the students really \_\_\_\_\_ this city.