

ACCOMMODATION

1. *Listen to the recording. What are the three areas the presenter is going to talk about?*
2. *Look at the text and try to fill in the gaps. Then compare it with your neighbour.*

Hello / well I've been asked to talk about the course that you're about to embark upon from the perspective of having done the same course last year / so I thought I'd look at three areas that were important for the students on the course last year/ obviously I won't cover everything / so do please feel free to add any comments you might have or ask any questions at the end.

The three areas I wanted to look at were first of all problems related to adjusting to student life / then the day-to-day workload of the course / and thirdly written assignments the problem of written assignments.

First of all then / adjusting to student life / I don't think anybody should underestimate the importance of getting good (1) It's very important I think to make yourself as comfortable as you can / as quickly as possible / because the course only lasts a year / it's not long enough to get a cheap flat and decorate and do the necessary (2) so most people tended to live in student (3) or in university accommodation / halls of (4) where you could have your own room and you had the option of eating meals in college or opting out of that and / making other arrangements for food / perhaps eating at the students' (5) or cooking your own meals / in fact I think some of the people on the course last year who did initially live a little way out of the city / came in / they changed their accommodation and tried to get a room in one of the halls of residence / because they felt happier and more (6)/ and with the heavy commitment that this course does involve it's important to feel relatively free of other worries so you can (7) on the work / also I think it was / quite difficult for some of us who had been working for a number of years to (8)to being a student again / and I think this / is also something that you need to consider if you've had your own (9) perhaps your own flat / you've been working / to suddenly adjust to being in an academic (10) as a student again does take some time / so all these things need consideration and I think it's important as I said to get accommodation that is the best that you can (11) so that you're relatively (12)and comfortable as quickly as possible.

3. **Listen to the tape and complete the gaps with the expressions you hear. Then compare with your own words.**

4. **Study the dialogues (Hotel)**

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(Based on Study Speaking; T.Lynch , K.Anderson; CUP, 1992)