

ACCOMMODATION AT UNIVERSITY

LESSON OBJECTIVES:

- To understand options for living accommodation at uni.
- To discuss how to apply for halls.

RESOURCES REQUIRED

- PowerPoint slides

WHEN IS THIS RESOURCE TO BE USED?

These activities can be used anytime to suit your students.

We find that form/tutor time is a good opportunity to share advice with students. These resources are designed to fill 20 minutes, and can be used as one-off activities, or as part of a series of activities.

STARTER:

Living in Halls – Ask students if they are familiar with the term 'Halls'. Why might student accommodation be called this?

SUGGESTED TIMES:

2 mins

MAIN:

Slide 6-18: True or false activity – Explore some common misconceptions and questions that we often get asked about student accommodation.

10 mins

Slide 19&20: Sharing a kitchen – Read through the slides about sharing a kitchen and the differences between catered and self-catered options. At this point, you may like to share your own experiences if you lived in student accommodation. There are different options available for students, and student accommodation can vary significantly depending on how much students pay. All rooms are safe and private, but optional extras like an ensuite bathroom or a double bed are available if desired.

3 mins

Slide 21: When to apply – Talk through the information on how and when to apply. If tours of accommodation are available at open days, encourage students to take the opportunity to explore the halls, and ask student ambassadors questions about where they lived.

2 mins

PLENARY:

You might like to explore the student profiles on the webpage, as student opinions and recommendations can be helpful, for advice on the right course, as well as living accommodation – Visit www.reading.ac.uk/chat to find a student. Slide 22 contains a link to a student talking about what to bring to university.

3 mins

EXTENSION:

At the University of Reading we offer a lot of virtual activity to help students feel well prepared about their choices: www.reading.ac.uk/outreach. Students can explore the opportunities online to develop their ideas for their own futures.