

# “I’m Bored of Living with my Parents!”

## Lead-In

**Group One:** What are the advantages of living by yourself?

**Group Two:** What are the advantages of living with your parents?

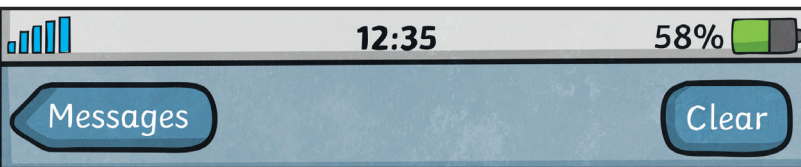
Discuss as a class. Which do you think is better?

## Pre-Teach

Match the words with the correct definitions.

Vocabulary	Definition
The <b>rent</b> for this flat is £350 a month.	<b>Plural noun.</b> The people who live near you.
I got to the hotel and my bed wasn't clean. I had to <b>complain</b> and they changed my room.	<b>Verb.</b> To show dissatisfaction or annoyance.
My <b>neighbours</b> are really friendly and they look after my house when I'm away on holiday.	<b>Noun.</b> A person who cooks professionally, probably in a restaurant.
I like cooking and I would love to be a <b>chef</b> one day.	<b>Noun.</b> The money you pay every month to stay/live in a house that isn't yours.

Read these text messages between Lila and Mateo and answer the gist questions.



**Mateo**

Hi, How are you? How's living at home with your parents?

**Lila**

Hey! It's ok, I guess.  
Most of the time...

**Mateo**

Oh no, what's up?

**Lila**

I'm just so bored of living at home. It's just that I have to be home every night by 10 p.m. I'm 20 years old! If I lived by myself, I'd come home after 12.

**Mateo**

Haha, yeah, but you're so lucky, your parents do all your cooking! And the food they make is sooooo good! If you lived by yourself, you wouldn't have your own personal chef!

**Lila**

I'd only eat cereal and toast if my parents didn't cook for me. 😊

**Mateo**

And you'd spend all your money on rent. 💰 😊

**Lila**

I know, but I'm bored of living by their rules. My parents only let me listen to music quietly. I'd listen to music on full volume all day and all night if I could.

**Mateo**

And your neighbours would complain because your taste in music is so terrible! No one likes One Direction any more! It's only you!

**Lila**

Hey! 😊  
If I had my own place, would you want to have a party?

**Mateo**

Yeah! That would be fun.

**Lila**

🎉🏠 One day...  
What kind of music would we put on if we had a house party?

**Mateo**

Anything but One Direction!

## Gist Read

1. Who does Lila live with?
2. Who does she want to live with?

## Detailed Read

- a. What do you think is the relationship between Lila and Mateo? Are they brother and sister or friends?
- b. What two reasons does Lila give for not enjoying living at home?
- c. How does she save money by living at home?
- d. The word 'hey' had two different meanings in the text. What are they?
- e. Why does Mateo say 'sooooo'? When is it appropriate to use this kind of spelling?
- f. Do Mateo and Lila like the same kind of music?

## Language Analysis

### **'If I lived by myself, I'd come home after 12.'**

- Is this situation real or imaginary?
- What connecting word is used?
- What word is contracted?
- What punctuation can you see?

This forms the second conditional, and we use it to describe situations that are imaginary. Try and find some more examples in the text:

- Find one example of an affirmative second conditional sentence.
- Find two examples of a negative second conditional sentence.
- Find two examples of a second conditional question.

Label the verb forms you see:

If I  by myself, I'd  home after 12.

**Remember:** we can make the second conditional in two ways:

**1** If + past simple , would + base form  
If I lived by myself , I'd come home after 12.

**2** Would + base form if + past simple  
I'd come home after 12 if I lived by myself.

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## Answers

### Gist Read

1. Who does Lila live with? **She lives with her parents.**
2. Who does she want to live with? **She wants to live by herself.**

### Detailed Read

- a. What do you think is the relationship between Lila and Mateo? Are they brother and sister or friends? **They are friends because Mateo talks about ‘your’ parents, not ‘our’ parents.**
- b. What two reasons does Lila give for not enjoying living at home? **She doesn’t like the rules about coming home before 10 p.m., and she wants to listen to music more loudly.**
- c. How does she save money by living at home? **She doesn’t have to pay rent.**
- d. The word ‘hey’ had two different meanings in the text. What are they? **The first time, ‘hey’ is used to say ‘hello’. The second time, it is used to show annoyance.**
- e. Why does Mateo say ‘sooooo’? When is it appropriate to use this kind of spelling? **This is a very informal way to show emphasis. It’s appropriate when you’re sending messages to your friends. It can’t be used in schoolwork.**
- f. Do Mateo and Lila like the same kind of music? **No, they don’t. Lila likes One Direction but Mateo doesn’t.**

### Language Analysis

‘If I lived by myself, I’d come home after 12.’

- Is this situation real or imaginary? **It’s imaginary. In real life, she lives with her parents.**
- What connecting word is used? **if**
- What word is contracted? **Would is contracted to ‘d’.**
- What punctuation can you see? **There is a comma separating the two clauses. There’s a full stop at the end of the sentence.**

This is the second conditional, and we use it to describe situations that are imaginary. Try and find some more examples in the text:

- Find one example of an affirmative second conditional sentence.  
**I'd listen to music on full volume all day and all night if I could.**
- Find two examples of a negative second conditional sentence.  
**If you lived by yourself, you wouldn't have your own personal chef!**
- I'd only eat cereal and toast if my parents didn't cook for me.  
**Find two examples of a second conditional question.**
- If I had my own place, would you want to have a party?  
**What kind of music would we put on if we had a house party?**

Label the forms you see:

