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Which Are You?

by Peggy Schenk

THAT pleased smile which used to light up your roommate’s face in those first weeks of school may be strangely missing lately. After the first fun of getting acquainted is over, the situation between you and your fellow roomer goes along rather well or rather badly. It all depends on whether or not you both have sociable dispositions which maximize good qualities and forget or completely overlook faults.

Now is the time, in this middle part of the college year, to take stock of yourself. The questions below were gathered from girls at Iowa State College who have had roommates. Every one consulted could name one and usually more things that roommates had done or now do to exasperate her. Look carefully through the list and score yourself. Your own roommate may have her pet gripe listed.

A low score is best; a high one means a gold star. We’ll wager there’s hope for you, though.

A. In the Morning—
1. Are you a fresh air fiend? Or a hot house plant who wants to sleep with windows closed and radiator steaming?
2. Do you take a teddy bear to bed with you?
3. Do you often play practical jokes—like making pie beds or sprinkling crackers in a roommate’s bed?
4. Do you think you have to sleep with a light on in the room?
5. Do you snore?
6. Do you leave a ring around the bathtub?
7. Do you habitually stay up late?
III. In the room—
1. Do you leave your stockings on the floor?
2. Do you leave the closet door open?
3. Do you throw your towel and wash cloth in the general direction of the rack, confident that they will stay there?
4. Do you scatter makeup, hats or bobby pins on your roommate’s desk, when she has it arranged one else?
5. Do you straighten your roommate’s desk, when she has it arranged the way she wants it?
6. Do you scatter makeup, hats or bobby pins on your roommate’s dresser?
7. Do you throw your coat on the bed as you enter the room?
8. Do you squeeze your toothpaste in the middle?
9. Do you display pictures of your many boy friends on every available spot around the room and in the edges of the mirror?
10. Do you leave your overnight bag, still packed, in the center of the room until Tuesday or Wednesday after a weekend away?
11. Do you let washed lingerie hang in the window several days?
12. Do you leave clothes and boxes scattered throughout the room?
13. Are you fastidiously tidy?
14. Do you borrow and borrow?
15. Are the clothes that you borrow returned to their owner in a damaged condition?
IV. You and Roommate and Others—
1. Are you rude to your roommate’s friends?
2. Do you bring in other friends to chatter while your roommate is trying to study?
3. Do you take sides with others against your roommate or laugh at her behind her back?
4. Are you terribly jealous if your roommate does something with someone else?
5. If you get a box of food from home, do you hide it in the closet?
6. Do you let your roommate furnish all the food for spreads?
V. Conversation—
1. Do you insist on reading all your letters out loud?
2. Do you sing or talk while your roommate is trying to study?
3. Do you sing, especially when you don’t know the words or the tune of the song?
4. Do you talk about your dates in detail—“he said, and then I said?”
5. Do you wake up your roommate after midnight to tell her about the dance?
6. Do you tell your roommate she is looking her worst as she gets ready for a date?
7. Do you try to make over your roommate?
8. Do you pretend not to hear when your roommate asks you a question?
9. Do you ride an expression to death?
10. Are you continually apologizing?
11. Do you worry about your studies and still not do much about it?
12. Do you relate your life history in detail?
13. Do you expect your roommate to relate her life history and present activities in detail?
14. Do you gush?