

**Student 1**

My parents are going to live in Canada for a year because of my dad's job, but I've decided to stay here in London. So ... I'll be living with my grandparents! I was OK with the idea because I've always loved staying with them at weekends, but I'm starting to worry about it because my nan asks Mum so many questions – like how late I'm allowed to stay out, and whether boys can come over to visit! I hope they realise they can't keep track of me all the time.

**Student 2**

A lot of people say that it's impossible for a boy and a girl to be just friends, but Jenna and I have been close friends for years, and it's never been a romantic kind of relationship. We get along brilliantly, and we can tell each other anything – in fact, for a while I had a girlfriend and I could even discuss that with Jenna – she didn't get jealous at all. It's actually great to have her around because she teaches me a lot about how girls think, which is very useful!

**Student 3**

My brother and I always shared a room, and it wasn't easy. I could never concentrate on my homework, or just sit and listen to music without him coming in and making a noise. And when friends came round after school, we couldn't have the room to ourselves. I can't blame him for that – from his point of view, I was the one in the way! Recently, he moved out, and I've finally got the room to myself. It's strange, but it's not as fantastic as I thought. I miss those late-night talks we used to have.

**Student 4**

I met Kyle on holiday. We fell in love, and when the time came for me to go home, we didn't want things to end. We've decided to stay together despite the distance, so we message each other a hundred times a day. Sometimes, I think we communicate more than couples who are in the same city! My girlfriends don't approve of it at all – they think I should have the freedom to date other boys, but I'm quite happy the way things are.

**Student 5**

When I was younger, I had lots of friends, but now I feel less confident. At school the popular kids ignore me most of the time. I've been feeling quite left out, and sometimes I think they're laughing at me even though that probably isn't true. But I've decided I'm going to start believing in myself. I've got a couple of close friends who aren't part of that crowd, and I've decided not to take them for granted because we have a great time together.