

The Student Experience: Living at University

When you go to university you can choose if you want to move away from home and into university accommodation which is sometimes called halls of residence. Here you'd have your own bedroom, as well as a bathroom and kitchen although these can be communal (which is another word for shared). You might be sharing a flat or a house with up to nine or ten other people, so there are lots of opportunities to make new friends when you arrive!

Activity One

Watch the following videos on Youtube. These will show you what university accommodation can look like, where halls of residence are on university campuses, and what it can be like to live at university.

Byron Halls of Residence: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=px5GZSuLUDU>

Residence Assistants: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=134vJcVGIKM>



This is Byron halls of residence. Look how close this is to some really useful facilities at NTU!

This is the Boots Library. It's only a few meters away from students homes.

This is the Student's Union where you can meet friends and take part in different clubs and activities.

Quick Vocabulary Check: What is a **campus**?

A campus is the university site that has university learning classrooms, research labs, accommodation, libraries, shops and cafes on it. Some universities, like NTU, have more than one campus.

Activity Two

Write down the items you would take with you to university to help you feel happy and at home. *For example, you might want to take some pictures of your friends and family, or your favourite books. You might also want to take some mugs to make hot chocolate for your friends at university.*

You can see in the picture below that you are given a bed, a desk, a wardrobe, some shelves, and a noticeboard you can pin and stick things to. You could also include things for the kitchen that might be useful.

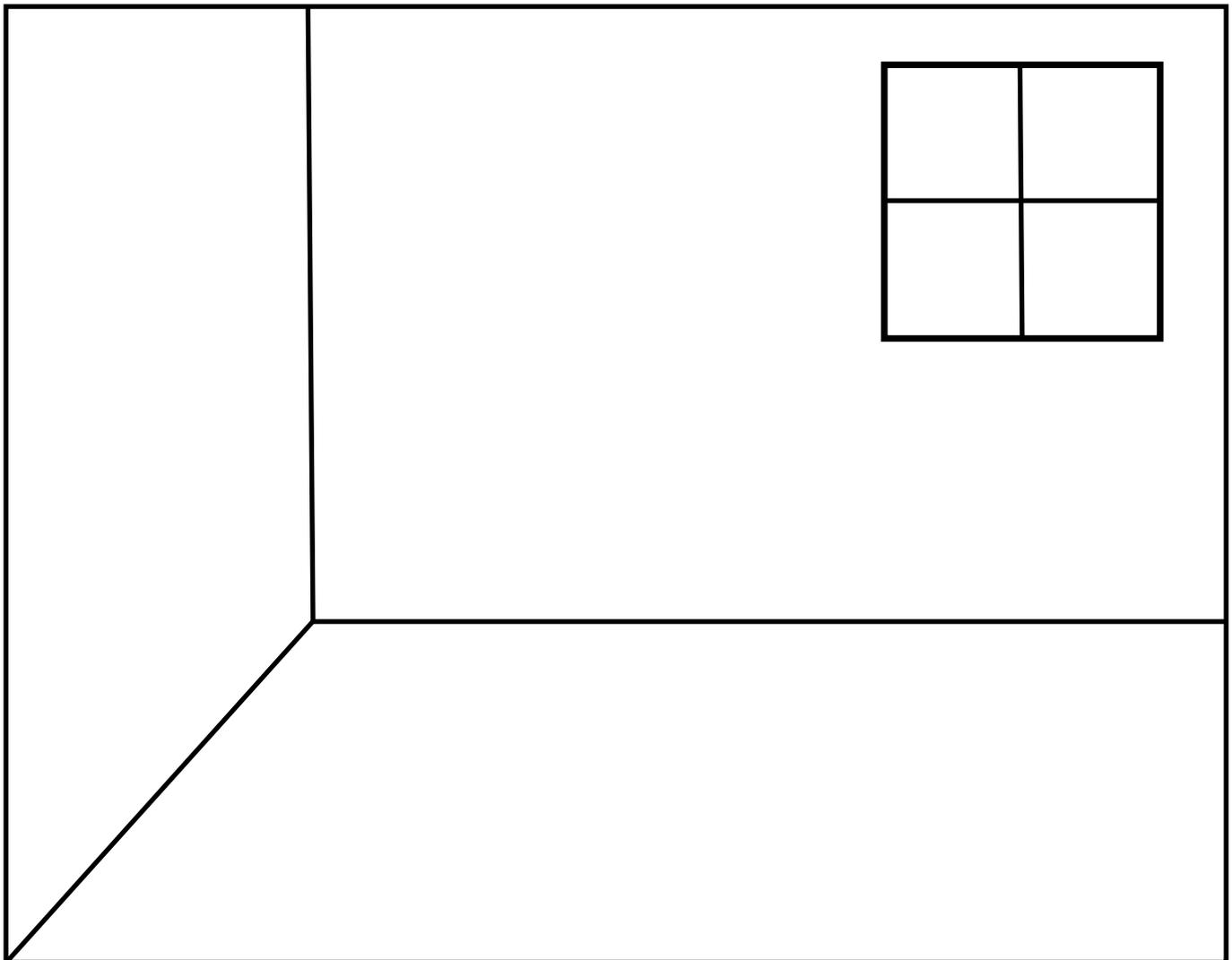


My moving into university check list:

Activity Three

Create and draw your dream university room. You can be as creative as you want, and this should be a reflection of what you would your room at university to look like.

It might be useful to think back to what your checklist of things to take – where might you put these? What furniture might you need to include?



Final Reflections: