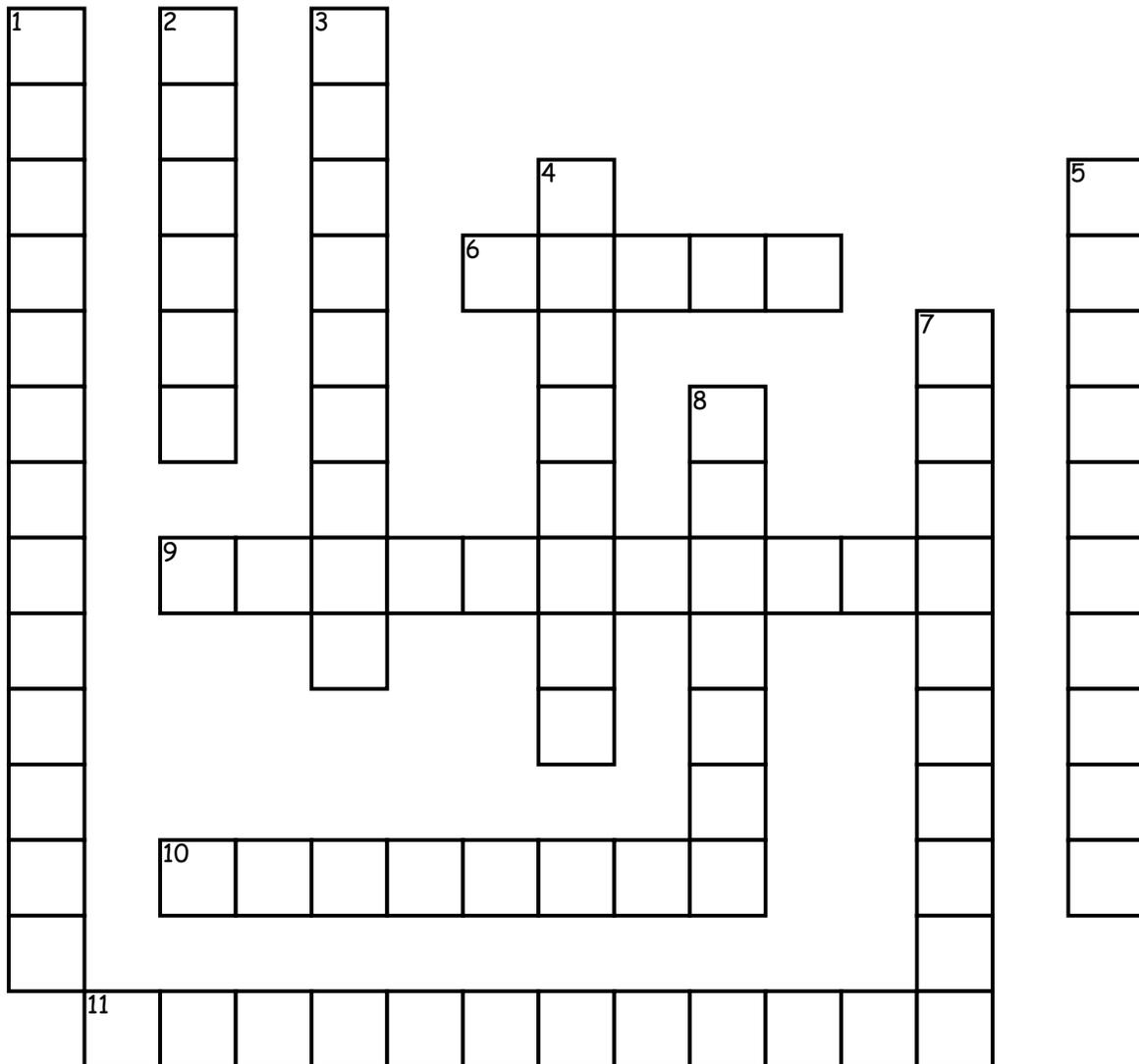


# College and Roommates



**Across**

6. Books- all classes require books or book. You can usually access what books you need one month before school starts. Books are extremely expensive at the school book store. Go to Amazon and buy the book or rent the book.

9. Roommate interaction How well you get along with roommate takes work Understand that you will have a conflict Learn to handle the conflict Email or call your new roommate, find out these answers Why did you choose this college What are your interests What do you like to do for fun How would you like to decorate the room What appliances do have to share Are you in a relationship What are you looking forward to about college Who are your family members

10. Campus life count Apartments- sometimes cheaper with roommate/s, possibly not covered financial aid You have campus security and liabilities You may have to worry about utilities off campus

11. Homesickness is common Talk it out with fam or friends, get involved with various activities, physical exercise, join interest groups, join a local church or church group, consult Ra on-campus therapist if you become so depressed you skip meals cannot sleep stop going to class, report to your RA. A new relationship with parents-balance between new independence and knowing and getting your parents involved with your college career.

**Down**

1. Campus living Arrangement Residence hall- dorm like a common area to meet people, common laundry facility, possible common cooking facility

2. Campus safety- always lock your dorm using your key. RAs help solves some safety issues, alcohol can decrease your personal safety.

3. Managing conflicts with roommates Conflicts are normal The best approach is to sit down privately and talk to roommate Do not gossip about roommate first to other friends- this will cause problems and you have to live with this person for a year. If this doesn't work consult your Resident Assistant, who is training in conflict management Know and understand that about yourself and your roommate. We all have different conflict styles.

4. Roommate selection varies You choose your own roommate from a friend from home or someone you meet at a campus event before college Sometimes they are a good friend but a bad roommate, you guys might be incompatible Some colleges have online matching systems to find a roommate A most common way for colleges to assign roommates from students questionnaires about personal preferences.

5. Stay on campus Committing is cheaper You don't leave family and friends Campus Forced to make new friends Include more events Teaches you to be independent

7. Sometimes you need t to have a meeting to agree on various issues Sharing food Sharing clothing Sharing CDs, DVDs, computer etc Items that are off limits Times you go to bed Times you get up Tv before bed or silence.

8. Using methods besides the school bookstore is a good idea.