

## Living with Mum 跟妈妈住

Vocabulary: Accommodation 词汇: 住宿

When Luke went to university he thought he would be **embarking** on a new journey in life and getting **his own place**. In the UK, it's common to **fly the nest** at a fairly young age. Many choose a **flatshare**; others make plans to get on **the property ladder**.

But the current economic situation forced Luke back to his mum's house at the age of 27. And he's not alone: a quarter of young adults in the UK now live with their parents. The Office for National Statistics said more than 3.3 million adults between the ages of 20 and 34 were living with their parents in 2013.



Who'll do your washing if you leave home?

Lack of jobs and the high cost of renting accommodation made Luke change his plans. He's **frustrated**: "There's something very difficult about being an adult living in an environment where you're still a child," he says. "It limits me socially; sometimes I feel it limits me professionally."

Indeed, many young people have no choice but to stay at **'the hotel of Mum and Dad'**.

Krissy had to return home after a year away and now lives in rather **cramped** conditions, sharing the family's three-bedroom house with her **siblings**. She says they end up **getting on each other's nerves** when it's time to use the bathroom in the morning.

Of course, **residing** with your parents is not unusual in some countries. Economic conditions, culture, or family traditions mean many young people stay at home until they **get hitched**. Even then, it can be too expensive to rent or buy a house and the married couple continue to live at one of their parents' homes.

But some parents seem to enjoy having their kids back at home. Janice's daughters are part of what's being called 'the **boomerang** generation'. She says: "I get to share their lives with them, and I've got to know them all as adults. We have the sort of conversations that good friends do."

So for some it's **a win-win situation** – spending time with your families, and saving money.

词汇表请参看答案与词汇部分

## Quiz 测验

阅读短文并回答问题。

1. How many adults between 20 and 34 are living with their parents in the UK?
2. What is making young people in the UK go back to their parents' homes?
3. Which 'hotel' in the text means a free place to stay?
4. Which word means 'small and crowded'?
5. Why are these young people being called 'the boomerang generation'?

## Exercise 练习

请你在不参考课文的情况下完成下列练习。从每个表格中选择一个意思合适的单词填入句子的空格处。

1. Mary can't afford to buy a flat right now, so she's looking for \_\_\_\_\_.

a property ladder	a flatshare	a jobshare	a boomerang
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2. Alan is starting university tomorrow. He's \_\_\_\_\_ on his career in medicine.

residing	embarking	winning	flying
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3. John and his girlfriend are in love. I think they're going to get \_\_\_\_\_.

on each other's nerves	hitched	his own place	frustrated
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4. I've always wanted \_\_\_\_\_. It's great to finally own a flat!

the property ladder	my own place	a flatshare	a boomerang
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5. Mary missed her son terribly but she had always known that one day he would \_\_\_\_\_.

fly the nest	be embarking	win	reside
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## **Answers and Glossary** 答案与词汇

### **Quiz** 小测验

1. How many adults between 20 and 34 are living with their parents in the UK? **According to the Office for National Statistics figures in 2013, more than 3.3 million adults.**
2. What is making young people in the UK go back to their parents' homes? **The lack of jobs and the high cost of renting accommodation.**
3. Which 'hotel' in the text means a free place to stay? **The 'hotel of Mum and Dad'.**
4. Which word means 'small and crowded'? **Cramped.**
5. Why are these young people being called 'the boomerang generation'? **Because like the Australian boomerang, they come back after they fly away.**

### **Exercise** 练习

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2. Alan is starting university tomorrow. He's **embarking** on his career in medicine.
3. John and his girlfriend are in love. I think they're going to get **hitched**.
4. I've always wanted **my own place**. It's great to finally own a flat!
5. Mary missed her son terribly but she had always known that one day he would **fly the nest**.

## Glossary 词汇表

<b>to embark</b>	着手, 准备开始
<b>(his) own place</b>	属于自己的地方
<b>to fly the nest</b>	离开父母家
<b>flatshare</b>	合租公寓
<b>the property ladder</b>	房地产阶梯
<b>frustrated</b>	感到沮丧的
<b>the hotel of Mum and Dad</b>	爸妈的饭店 (指父母家)
<b>cramped</b>	拥挤的
<b>sibling</b>	兄弟姊妹
<b>to get on each other's nerves</b>	使对方心烦意乱
<b>to reside</b>	居住
<b>to get hitched</b>	结婚
<b>boomerang</b>	回巢 (族)
<b>a win-win situation</b>	双赢局面