



Suggestions for first night questions with your new host family

These questions are suggestions only. You and your host family should discuss anything you think is important.

What do I call you?

What am I expected to do daily other than:

- a. Make my bed
- b. Keep my room tidy
- c. Clean the bathroom up after I use it?

What is the procedure for dirty clothes/laundry?

- Where do I keep my first clothes until wash day?
- Should I wash my own underclothes?
- Should I wash my own clothes? If so, how do I use the washing machine?
- Can I use the dryer?
- What is the procedure if I need to iron my clothes?

May I use the iron, washing machine, sewing machine, etc.?

Where can I keep my bathroom accessories/toiletries? Can I use the family shampoo and tooth paste or buy my own?

When is the most convenient time for me to use the bathroom to bathe or shower – mornings or evenings?

When are mealtimes?

Do I have a regular job at mealtimes? Set, clear, wash, dry the dishes; the garbage?

May I help myself to food and drinks (non-alcoholic) at any time or must I ask first?

What areas are strictly private e.g. your study, bedroom, pantry, etc.?

May I put posters and pictures in my room? On the wall? How do you want things hung?

What time:

- must I get up weekday mornings?
- should I get up weekends and holidays?
- must I go to bed weekdays? Weekends?
- must I be in on school nights if I go out? (Exceptions by special arrangement).
- must I be in on weekends if I go out?

What dates are the birthdays of family members?



May I have friends stay overnight?

Do you have any rules for entertaining friends?

Can I invite friends over during the day? After school? When no one else is home?

Do you have any household rules for the use of mobile phones and/or the internet? Are there time limits or time periods that use is permitted or prohibited?

Do you have a wifi password that I'm able to use?

What is the procedure for posting mail?

Do any of you have any particular dislikes that I should be aware of?

How do I get to where I need to go, such as school, friends houses? Can I ride with friends in their car? Is there public transport nearby that I can use, and if so, how do I use it?

How can I arrange to go shopping for personal items?

Do you attend the Rotary meetings? How will I get to Rotary meetings?

What should I do if I need to visit a Doctor or am feeling unwell?

May I play music in my room?

What are your expectations of me for going to church of another religion institution? What other activities do you do as a family that I can participate in?

If I have something bothering me, how do you want me to handle it?

Who pays for "event" expenses for things we do together, such as eating out or going to a movie?

What do I do about school lunch?

Are there any eating habits or foods I need to discuss? I don't like _____.

Is there anything else we should discuss?