- 1. How easy is it to find accommodation for young people in your region/country?
- 2. Is there an age gap between young and old in your country?
- 3. Is there a shortage of senior-care provision where you live?
- 4. What attitudes towards ageing do people in your country have? What attitudes do people in the UK have, do you think?

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- 5. Would students/senior citizens in your country be happy to go along with the ideas mentioned in the article?
- 6. Do you see any possible problems coming from this arrangement?
- 7. Is this a great idea or a symbol of western society's failure to look after its old?
- 8. Would you like/have liked to spend your university years living in a retirement home?
- 9. Would you like to live in a home like this when you retire?
- 10. Should universities and the senior-care sector come together to replicate this project in other areas?

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## Situation 1

Your teacher is a first-year student at Moscow University looking for affordable accommodation. You work in the student welfare dept. Persuade him of the benefits for this type of accommodation.

## Situation 2

You are the care-home manager. Inform your teacher of the rules and regulations that he needs to obey as a student/carer.

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## **Discuss quotes**

"I'm kind of comfortable with getting older because it's better than the other option, which is being dead. So I'll take getting older."

- George Clooney

"The secret of genius is to carry the spirit of the child into old age, which means never losing your enthusiasm."

- Aldous Huxley

"The age of a woman doesn't mean a thing. The best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

"Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed."

- Arthur Schopenhauer