



## Dialogue Starters

### Shared rooms in Traditional-style residence areas: Totem Park and Place Vanier

#### Getting to know one another:

- Where are you from?
- What is your family like? What's it like at your home?
- What are your favourite things to do?
- What is your major? What led you to choose that?
- How did you choose UBC?

#### Setting common expectations:

##### Basics:

- Where will we record messages for one another?
- Will you be spending most of your time in the room? Will it bother you if I do/don't?
- Are you looking for a friend or just a roommate?
- Study habits:
- What time do you study?
- Will you be studying in our room? Or elsewhere?
- When and for how long do you usually study?
- Can you study with the TV or radio or computer on? With visitors in the room? With someone using MSN in the room?

##### Sleeping:

- Are you more of a morning or a night person? When do you typically go to bed? Wake up?
- Are you a heavy or light sleeper?
- Can you sleep with the TV or radio or

computer on? With visitors in the room?  
With someone using MSN?

##### Alcohol:

- Is it ok to drink alcohol in our room?

##### Cleaning:

- How do we define a clean room?
- How neat and clean are you used to keeping your room?
- How often will the room be cleaned and by whom?
- How would you like the room arranged and decorated?

##### Sharing:

- Will we be sharing a telephone line or will we each have a cell phone?
- What items are you comfortable sharing and what would you prefer not to be borrowed or used?
- What costs will we share?
- Do you prefer to be asked before someone borrows something?

##### Guests:

- How do you feel about having overnight guests? How long is it OK for a guest to stay?
- Is there a time that guests of other genders cannot use our room?
- Do you mind if guests use items in the room?