



The coronavirus made things more difficult for **expats** in Singapore. They started to worry about their work, and sometimes, they did not have enough money to rent an apartment.

They found a solution called co-living. Co-living is when **residents** rent a room, and they share a kitchen or other rooms. It is a good way to save money, and some people like it also because they do not need to rent a room for the full year. Co-living is not the most popular way of living, but business operators say that the number of people who look for co-living, is growing.

The interesting fact is that people started to look for co-living during the coronavirus pandemic. **Operators** explained that in Singapore, the government works hard to stop the virus, and people are not afraid to live together.

**Difficult words:** **expat** (a person who lives outside of his own country), **resident** (a person who lives somewhere for a long time), **operator** (a person who runs something such as a business).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *expat*, *resident* and *operator*
2. How did the coronavirus make the lives of many expats in Singapore more difficult?
3. What did the expats do to save money and to not rent a room for the full year?
4. When did people start to look for co-living?
5. Why are people not afraid to live together in Singapore?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. What percentage of the population in your country are expats?
2. Which city in your country has the highest number of expats?
3. What problems do you think did most expats experience in your country due to the coronavirus pandemic?
4. Does co-living exist in your country? Is it becoming popular?