



Haylee's Story



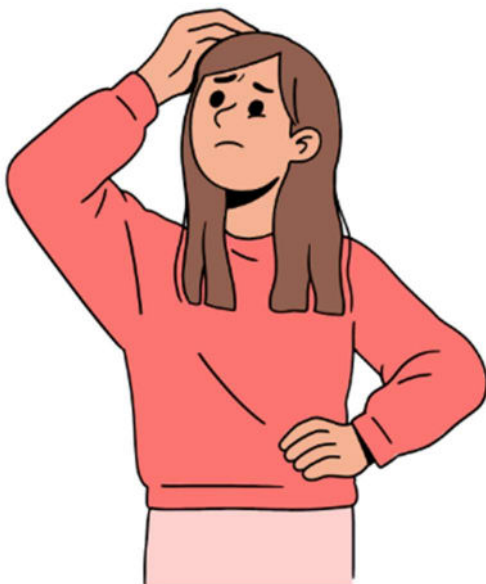


This is a news story about Haylee.

Haylee was 30 years old when she told her mum and dad that she wanted to live on her own.

Haylee has Down syndrome.

She does not believe it should stop her from living on her own.



Haylee's mum and dad were **worried**.

Worried means that you think something bad might happen in the future.

Haylee's parents were worried that she would not be OK living on her own.



Haylee knew she would be able to live on her own.

She is strong.

She made sure her parents **supported** her even though they were worried.

Supported means helping someone do the things they want to do.



Haylee's mum and dad found a house for Haylee to live in.



Haylee pays her mum and dad **rent** to live in the house.

Rent means money paid to live in a house.

You pay rent to the people that own the house.



Haylee decides on the meals she wants.

Haylee has help to:

- Buy what she needs at the shops
- Cook her meals.

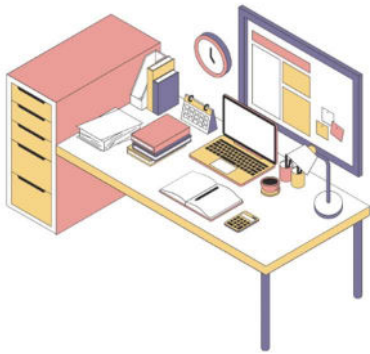


Haylee said "I love cooking stir-fries. And I really like Italian, especially anything with pasta and tuna."



Haylee has 2 jobs:

- Working at K-mart.
- Delivering flowers.



Haylee's dream is to work in an office.

She would like to

- Work with computers and phones.
- Get dressed up to go to work.

Haylee has lots of hobbies.



Haylee loves going to the gym.

She has saved up money to buy a running machine for her house.



Haylee is in a dancing group called Extreme Stars.



Haylee plays in a bowling team on Saturday mornings.

She travels around Australia to compete in bowling competitions.



Haylee uses the bus to get to her jobs and her hobbies.

She knows:

- How to read the **bus timetable**.

The **bus timetable** tells you when the bus you need will be at the bus stop.

- What to do if the bus doesn't come.



Haylee lives on her own.

At night she locks up her house very carefully.



Haylee loves her mum.

Haylee has a video phone call with her mum every day.

Haylee hopes her mum can stop worrying about her so much.

Haylee is very good at living on her own.

She also knows when she needs help.

Haylee is very happy with her life.





This story was written by **Feros Care**.

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