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## **Monastic Communities**

What are they?

A community of persons, especially monks, bound by vows to a religious life and often living in partial or complete seclusion.

**What Monastic community did you research ?**

**What did you find out?**

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## Pros and Cons

What do you think would be the pros of living in a secluded community?

What do you think would be the cons of living in a secluded community?



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## Pros

Living amongst those with shared beliefs and having common interests.

Support and understanding of others.

Sharing responsibilities.

Feeling a sense of belonging.

## Cons

Not experiencing new things.

Not being able to act independently/make choices.

Not getting to know people outside of your community.



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**What questions might you like to ask the people living in the Monastic community you have researched?**

**Here are some ideas to get you started:**

What do you value most about dedicating your life to God in this way?

How do you deal with living in community with someone you don't like?

Do you ever wonder what it would be like to live in a different community?

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## Your Task

1. Make a list of questions you would like to ask the people that live in your chosen Monastic community.
2. Find out about the pros and cons specifically related to your Monastic community.