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Some years ago we had a foreign exchange student come to live with us. We found it very difficult to pronounce his name correctly, but he didn't mind.

He told us to just call him ‘Eric’.



We had repainted the spare room,
bought new rugs and furniture
and generally made sure everything
would be comfortable for him.
So I can't say why it was that Eric
chose to sleep and study most of
the time in our kitchen pantry.

'It must be a cultural thing,' said Mum.
'As long as he is happy.'



We started storing food and
kitchen things in other cupboards
so we wouldn't disturb him.