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# Organized chaos

## going to

### Reading: Untidiness

**1** Are you generally tidy? Do you think these statements are true? Discuss them with a partner.

- 1 Women are usually tidier than men.
- 2 Older people are tidier than younger people.
- 3 Well-educated people are generally tidy.

**2** Read the blog posting and find out what the writer thinks.

**3** Answer these questions.

- 1 What do professional organizers do?
- 2 Why doesn't Jimmy tidy his office?
- 3 What does Jimmy's wife say about messy desks?
- 4 Are Jimmy and his wife going to hire a professional organizer?

**4** Complete these sentences using words from the text.

- 1 When you \_\_\_\_\_ someone, you pay them to work for you.
- 2 If you feel \_\_\_\_\_, you are uncomfortable about what other people of you.
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ people have received good teaching and learnt a lot.
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ people are very intelligent.
- 5 If a place is a \_\_\_\_\_, it means it's untidy and possibly dirty.

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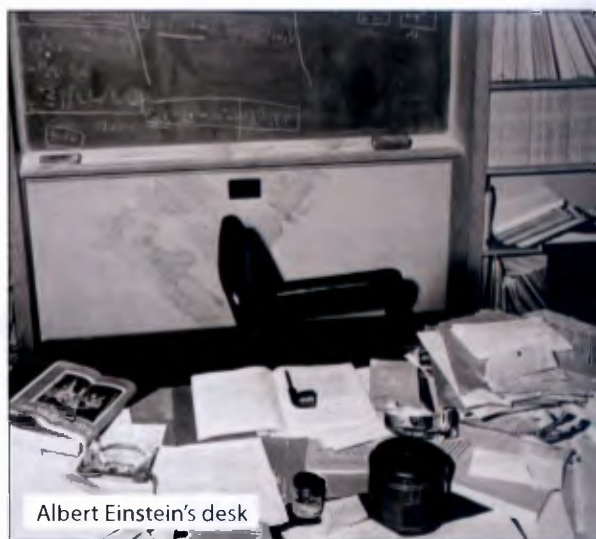
### Mess is best

My wife wants to hire a professional organizer. These are people who go into homes and offices and tell people how to tidy up. What a strange job!

My office is untidy but I'm not embarrassed about it. I work better this way. I'm very productive. I have files and papers that I use regularly and I'm not going to waste time putting them on shelves and then taking them down again.

I read that men are more untidy than women and we become less tidy as we get older. Well-educated people are more untidy, too. In fact, some of the most intelligent and creative people in the world are untidy. Take a look at this desk. Was the owner smart or not?

Unfortunately, my wife doesn't agree with me. She thinks it's more efficient to keep things tidy and she says a messy desk means a messy mind (then what does an empty desk mean?)



Albert Einstein's desk

So we're going to pay for a stranger to come into our house and tell us how to clean up. I know where everything is now. How am I going to find anything when we tidy up?