

1 Work in pairs. Look at the advertisement. Discuss the questions.

Have you heard of this kind of scheme? Do you think you / your family would like to try it out?

Eurostay Homeswap

Is hotel accommodation too expensive for your holiday?
Would you prefer to stay in a comfortable family home – just like your home?

Then why not join our Homeswap Register?

- Upload the details and photos of your house to our website.
- Look through our list of members' houses around Europe.
- Choose your perfect house, contact the owner and arrange a Homeswap!



2 Complete the dialogue with the phrases below.

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things considered thinking about the thing is

- Mum** What do you think about this homeswap idea?
It would be a great way of finding accommodation next time we go on holiday.
- Dad** A homeswap? I've never heard of that. Let
1 _____. I'm not sure, really.
- Bob** I wouldn't like it at all. I don't like the idea of people
being in my house when I'm not there. Wouldn't that
worry you, Mum?
- Mum** I suppose 2 _____, you'd have to trust
them.
- Bob** And what about your personal information? They
might read your letters while you're away.
- Dad** Actually, 3 _____ think about it, I agree
with Bob. I think it's too risky.
- Mum** Well, 4 _____ it, I believe that sometimes
it's good to take risks. And it would be a good way to
experience real life in another country. I think we should
try it.
- Bob** No way! I don't want a stranger sleeping in my bed.
- Dad** That's 5 _____.
- Mum** Oh well. All 6 _____, I suppose we'll
forget that idea and just go back to the usual week's
camping in Devon.

3 Act out the dialogue in groups of three.

- 4 **SPEAKING** Work in small groups. You are
planning a short holiday to Madrid and
you want to discuss the accommodation
options. There are three possible options.
Compare the different options and state
your opinions.

Youth hostel

One small room to share. Use of a small
kitchen. Cheap. 30 minutes from the city
centre.

Hotel

One large room to share. Breakfast
included. Expensive. Five minutes from
the city centre.

Camping

One medium-sized tent to share.
A barbecue is available at the campsite.
Very cheap. One hour from the city
centre.

4 Functional Language

Practice: Phrases for gaining time

Aims: To practise using phrases for gaining time. This draws on the language in Lesson 4G.

Time: 15–20 minutes

Materials: One handout for each student

Exercise 1

- Give each student a handout and ask them to look at the advertisement. They then discuss the idea of a homeswap in pairs. Invite one or two students to tell the rest of the class why they would / wouldn't like to try out this kind of scheme.

Exercise 2

- Students complete a dialogue about the homeswap scheme. Tell them to read the dialogue quickly first and find out who definitely doesn't like the idea (Bob).

KEY

- 1 me see
- 2 the thing is
- 3 now I come to
- 4 thinking about
- 5 a good point
- 6 things considered

Exercise 3

- Students work in groups of three to act out the dialogue. Ask one or two groups of students to perform the dialogue to the rest of the class.

Exercise 4

- Students work in small groups to discuss the three different accommodation options for a short holiday. Remind them to use the phrases for gaining time from exercise 2.