

## 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.

a good point   me see   now I come to  
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.