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A LONG JOURNEY

You are going to drive to Paris with some friends and spend a **four-day holiday** there. It is going to be **your first time in Paris** and you are really looking forward to it.

You would like to take turns driving all night and get there as soon as possible, but your friend might not like this idea.

Try to convince him or her that this is the best thing to do. These are some arguments that you might want to use:

- one more day in Paris
- save money on accommodation
- roads in very good condition
- not much traffic at night



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You would like to spend one night in a town in the south of France instead of driving to Paris non-stop. Maybe your friend won't like this idea.

Try to convince him or her that this is the best thing to do. These are some arguments that you might want to use:

- less tired when you get to Paris.
- interesting Roman ruins in the area
- unfamiliar roads
- driving at night dangerous



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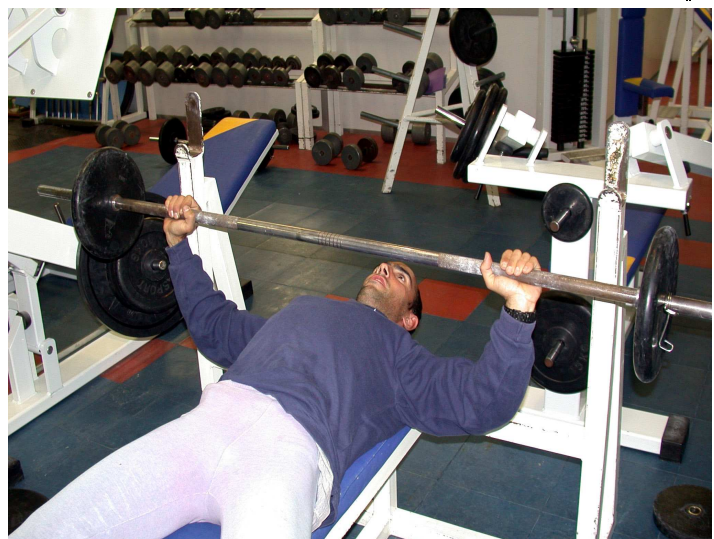
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GETTING FIT

Your doctor has told you that you really must start doing some exercise. You don't like the idea of doing exercise alone. Try to convince the other candidate to join a health club with you. This is some of the information you have about it:

- Open 7 a.m. – 11 p.m. daily
- Aerobics, body building, fitness machines, swimming pool, sauna.
- Free access to all facilities 120€ / month.
- Near your workplace.



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GETTING FIT

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- A new place every week.
- Healthier, open air.
- Usually good weather.
- Group activities.



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sports. They're considering two options: a school year in the USA, living with an American family, or an intensive summer course in Ireland or the UK. They're ready to spend as much as necessary on their son's education.

You think the school year in the USA is the best option. These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- more time to learn the language
- it's "living the language", not just studying it
- opportunity to enter an American university (sports grants)
- closer relationships with "American family" and friends
- money not a problem: well-off family

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You think the intensive course is the best option. These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- can choose duration of course
- course focused on language skills
- possibility to stay with English/Irish family
- schools with long experience/ good facilities
- cheaper

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situation from rather different points of view.

You think it is negative for people to stay with their families for so long. These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- tendency to be dependent on one's family
- people becoming less competitive or ambitious
- not able to assume responsibility or appreciate the true value of things
- not as many opportunities to develop social skills



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You think it can be positive for people to stay with their families as long as they can. These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- Spanish parents don't seem to mind
- you can save up some money
- better chance to complete your studies /concentrate on your career
- stronger family bonds

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These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

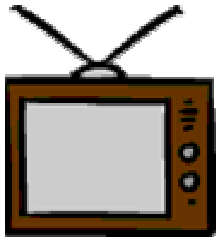
- trendy new restaurants in the area
- new shows on at the West End theatres
- opportunity to meet new people outside the course
- staying in on a Friday is a waste of time
- some excellent clubs in the area



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These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- you have been going out practically every night
- rent a DVD or just watch something interesting on TV
- you need an early night (lots of homework tomorrow)
- London's really expensive
- you could cook something nice together or order a take-away meal

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DO BOOKS HAVE A FUTURE?

In a conversation about reading habits, the other candidate and you seem to have rather different points of view on this topic.

You are a little pessimistic about the future of books and reading as a leisure activity. These are some of the arguments you might want to use:



- fewer people reading these days – empty libraries (only students)
- children more and more used to audiovisual stimuli
- e-books, audiobooks, blogs,...: new formats will “kill” traditional book
- fewer hours at school dedicated to reading or literature

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You think there are more readers than ever before, and that reading is one of the most popular free time activities. These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- more books are published than ever before
- easy access to books via new technologies
- the habit is not disappearing – just changing
- good alternative to audiovisual media

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KEEPING THE FLAT CLEAN AND TIDY

You have been given a grant to study at a college in Oxford for six months. It's a great opportunity but you are going to be a bit pressed for money.

You have agreed to share a flat with another student and you would like to decide what household chores each of you is going to do.

These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- save money to spend on other things
- flat not too big
- you're good at cooking
- eating out every day expensive
- you need a tidy place to concentrate on studies

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You are going to study at a college in Oxford for six months because your parents want you to do an intensive English and Business Management course before you start working in the family business.

You have agreed to share a flat with another student because you thought the rules at the student hall were a little strict. You just want a place to stay at night. You know your flatmate will bring up the subject of sharing the housework, but you just want to pay someone to take care of the cleaning once a week or so.

These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- cleaning lady once a week - not expensive

- reasonably priced meals at student hall

- taking care of your own bedroom OK

- you won't be using the kitchen

- not used to doing any housework



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AND THE COMPUTER GOES...

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You would like to install the computer in the bedroom because you don't like the idea of working in the living-room. Try to convince the other candidate that this is the best option.

These are some of the arguments you might want to use:



- enough space on desk
- less noise in bedroom
- safer than in living-room
- won't disturb each other while watching TV / listening to music...

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These are some of the arguments you might want to use:

- more space in living-room
- bedroom is for sleeping
- can use headphones – won't disturb anybody
- take turns to use it

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SAMARITANS

You are sharing a flat with the other candidate. A young student who has just enrolled in the course you are doing is having problems finding accommodation. You don't mind putting him up for a couple of nights until he finds a place to stay. The flat is small but he can sleep in a sleeping bag in the living-room. However, your flatmate may not like the idea.

Try to convince your flatmate that it is only a temporary situation. These are some arguments:

- only for 2 or 3 days

- seems a nice person

- opportunity to get to know someone from another country

- could sleep in sleeping bag on the floor



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Try to convince your flatmate that this wouldn't be a good idea. These are some arguments:

- might stay longer
- flat too small – living-room absolutely necessary for you
- not a good idea to share flat with complete stranger
- possible problems with landlord/lady

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A THIRD LANGUAGE

You have been thinking of learning another language because you think it will improve your chances of getting a better job.

You would like to study German because there are many German residents in the area where you live. A friend of yours is also interested in learning another language but (s)he may have other ideas.

Try to convince him/her to enroll on this course with you. These are some arguments you may want to use:

- easy pronunciation rules
- key to some Eastern European countries
- not many fluent speakers of German as a foreign language
- courses easily available

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Try to convince him/her to enroll on this course with you. These are some arguments you may want to use:

- expanding economy
- very few speakers of Chinese as a second language
- good job opportunities
- not difficult to find native speakers



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FRENCH CONNECTION



You are planning to improve your French in Lyon. You can speak just enough French to get by, but need to practise your speaking skills. You would like to find a summer job as it is a good way to do this.

A friend has agreed to go with you to Lyon but (s)he might have something else in mind.

Try to convince him/her that this is the best way to learn basic French quickly without spending too much money. These are some arguments you may want to use:

- make a bit of money as you learn
- contact with native speakers
- valuable job experience
- similar to other European languages – easy to pick up

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FRENCH CONNECTION

You don't speak a word of French, and you need to learn the basics of this language. You would like to enroll on an intensive course and then perhaps stay on for a few weeks.

A friend has agreed to go with you to Lyon but (s)he might have other ideas.

Try to convince him/her to do the course with you and then stay a bit longer visiting the area. These are some arguments you may want to use:

- good to learn from professionals
- meet people from other countries
- a real holiday – not just studying
- really interesting places to visit in the area – wonderful cuisine – excellent wines



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A party at the flat would be great. Try to convince your flatmates. These are some arguments you may want to use:

- people could bring their own food/drinks – other students invited
- do it on Friday – noisiest night of the week
- play favourite music – even karaoke!
- clubs too expensive – very little money left

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- quiet night for a change – just you three
- chance to remember good moments
- perhaps a concert or play afterwards
- not in the flat - neighbours could complain

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A big farewell party at the local pub would be great. Try to convince your flatmates. These are some arguments you may want to use:

- meet rest of students –pub you usually go to
- opportunity to say goodbye to everybody
- live music at the pub
- not in the flat – don't want to spend last day cleaning

