

This is your room

Get ready to listen and speak

- When you are studying abroad, do you think it is better to stay with a family or live with other students?
- What are the benefits of each experience? Tick ✓ your answers.

	living with a family	living with other students	both
You can learn about the lifestyle and culture.	☐	☐	☐
You can practise your English.	☐	☐	☐
You can make friends easily.	☐	☐	☐
You can try the local food.	☐	☐	☐
It's relaxing and comfortable.	☐	☐	☐
You can get help with your homework.	☐	☐	☐

- Which of these benefits are most important to you?



A Speaking – Greetings and introductions

Speaking strategy: Meeting people for the first time

- 1 Paula is a student from Brazil. She is staying with a family in Ireland. Read the conversation and notice the expressions in bold.

Mrs Woods: Paula, I'd like you to meet my husband.
 Paula: Nice to meet you, Mr Woods.
 Mr Woods: Nice to meet you too, Paula. Please call me Kevin.
 Mrs Woods: And this is my daughter, Abigail.
 Paula: Hello, Abigail. Pleased to meet you.
 Abigail: Hi. How was your trip?
 Paula: It was fine, thanks.

- 2 Write the expressions you can use:

- a to introduce someone (2 expressions)
 I'd like you to meet
 b when you meet someone for the first time (2 expressions)

 c to reply when someone says, 'Nice to meet you'
 d to tell someone your preferred name

Speak up!

- 3 Imagine you are staying with a family in England. You are meeting the family for the first time. Listen to the conversation and reply using the expressions above.

Example:

You hear: ...

Now, I'd like you to meet my wife, Carol.
 Hello. Nice to meet you.

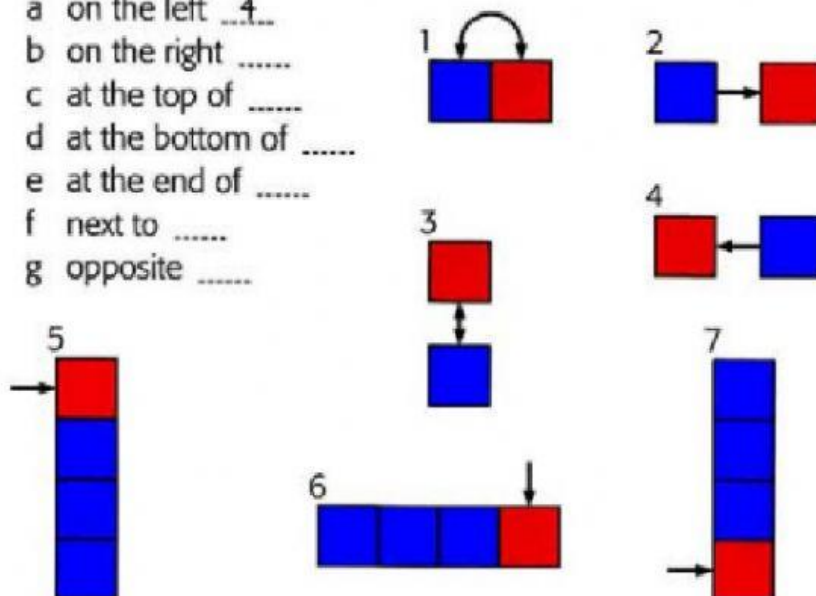
You say: a

Nice to meet you, too.

B Listening – Understanding directions

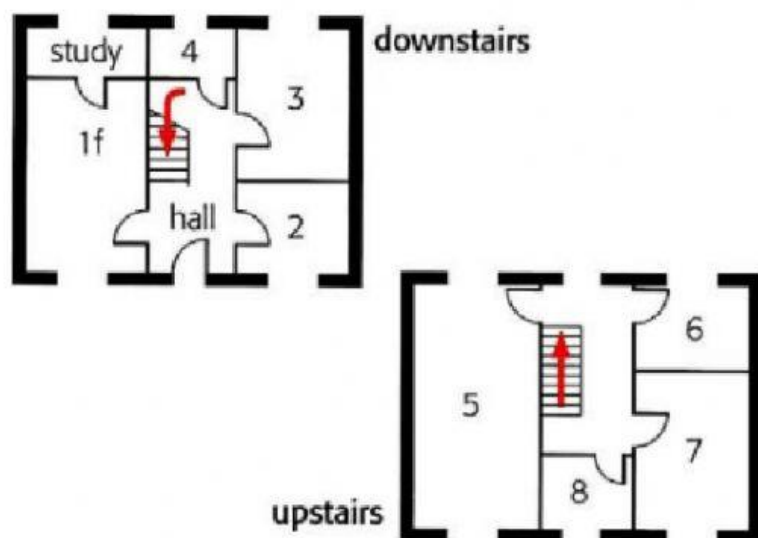
1 Match each expression (a–g) with a picture (1–7).

- a on the left ...4...
- b on the right
- c at the top of
- d at the bottom of
- e at the end of
- f next to
- g opposite



2 Mrs Woods is showing Paula around the house. Listen and write the letter (a–h) of each room in the correct place on the plan.

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|------------|----------------------|----------------|
| a bathroom | d Mr/Mrs Woods' room | g Paula's room |
| b toilet | e Abigail's room | h dining room |
| c lounge | f kitchen | |



3 Now listen to these sentences. Write true (T) or false (F) for each sentence.

- a T b _____ c _____ d _____ e _____ f _____
g _____ h _____