

3 PRONUNCIATION & SPEAKING

sentence stress

a **5.13** Listen and repeat the highlighted phrases in 2b.
Copy the rhythm.

I'm going to travel around the US.

4 READING

a Read Iria's blog about her CouchSurfing trip. Did she have a good time?

b Read the blog again. Then cover it and answer the questions from memory.

- 1 What color was the desert in New Mexico?
- 2 Where were the big, beautiful houses?
- 3 Which state didn't have much to do?
- 4 What information did she have in case things didn't work out?
- 5 What was a problem she had?
- 6 How did she feel before meeting a host?

c Read the blog again and look at the **highlighted** verb phrases. With a partner, say what you think they mean.

I had fun CouchSurfing through the US. Every state had something interesting to see. In my opinion, the best states were New Mexico and Rhode Island. I loved the desert and its pretty, brown colors in New Mexico. I also enjoyed the Spanish history there. In Rhode Island, I took a tour of some big, beautiful houses. North Dakota was my least favorite state because there wasn't much to do.

I never had a bad experience while CouchSurfing. However, I always had a hotel address in case things didn't work out. I met all kinds of people, and I slept in all kinds of places, from comfortable beds to old couches! I only had one problem—sometimes I arrived late at a host's house. Once it was because I forgot to change the time on my watch. Another time I got lost. Then one time I didn't have a cell phone, so I couldn't call my host and my host couldn't call me! Whenever that happened, I tried to stay calm. CouchSurfers and hosts are usually friendly and very understanding.

The best thing about CouchSurfing is seeing the world and meeting new people at the same time. I love that when I travel somewhere, I have "friends" to stay with. I'm always excited before meeting a host. And the worst thing about CouchSurfing? Sometimes the couch you sleep on can be very surprising. That's the real adventure!

5 VOCABULARY & SPEAKING

vacations

a Complete the vacation phrases using a verb from the list.

go have see stay show

- 1 _____ in a hotel / with a friend / for a week
- 2 _____ somebody around your town / city
- 3 _____ the sights
- 4 _____ by train (bus, plane) / back home
- 5 _____ a good time / nice meals

b In pairs, plan a vacation. You are going to visit **three** cities on the same continent. Your vacation can be a maximum of **ten** days.

Answer the questions:

- What cities are you going to visit?
- Where are you going to stay?
- How are you going to get there?
- How long are you going to stay in each city?
- What are you going to do in each place?

Making suggestions

Let's (go to...) I prefer to (go to...)
Why don't we (go to...)? That's a good idea.

c Change partners. Tell each other about your vacation plans.

We're going to go to South America - to Buenos Aires, Rio, and Montevideo. We're going to CouchSurf because we don't have much money...

d Do you prefer your new partner's plans? Would you like to change partners and go with him / her?

6 WRITING

► **p.115 Writing** A formal email. Make a reservation at a Bed and Breakfast.

Source: American English File

 **LIVEWORKSHEETS**