## 3 FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE AND REAL-WORLD STRATEGY

A **Complete each conversation with a phrase in the box and *The thing is*.**

> I don't think I'm strong enough.
> I'm not sure I can handle that.
> That concerns me a little.

**Conversation 1**

**A** Would you like to go skateboarding with me and some of my friends on Saturday?

**B** No thanks. [1] The thing is , I've never skateboarded before.

**A** It's easy! And it's fun. We usually skate down that big hill by the park.

**B** That sounds really scary! [2] _____

**A** Oh, I think you can. You should at least try it once.

**Conversation 2**

**A** Do you want to go to a yoga class with me?

**B** [3] _____

**A** You don't have to be. It mostly involves stretching.

**B** Thanks for asking, but I don't think so. [4] _____ , I don't think I'll like it.

**Conversation 3**

**A** How long is this hike going to be?

**B** It's not a long hike – just a couple of miles. And it ends at the top of a mountain! It's beautiful.

**A** [5] _____ , but I guess it will be OK.

**B** What are you worried about?

**A** I'm worried about going to the top of the mountain. [6] _____ , I'm kind of afraid of heights.



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