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.