# 2 Functional Language Practice: Being diplomatic

**1** **Read the dialogue and complete the gaps with the phrases below.**

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| can I have a word  could we possibly agree  I didn't realise  is there  is supposed to be<br>just that  should have said something  want to bring it up |

**Rob** Hi, Jake. Listen, [1]_____ with you about your friends Ali and Jed?

**Jake** Yes, of course. There isn't a problem, [2]_____ ?

**Rob** Well, actually, yes there is. I'm really not happy about them staying with us for so long.

**Jake** Oh, I'm sorry. You [3]_____ earlier.

**Rob** I didn't [4]_____ , but they've been here for three weeks now. The house is always really messy, and they eat all my food from the fridge.

**Jake** It's [5]_____ they haven't got anywhere else to stay at the moment.

**Rob** I know, but this flat [6]_____ for students at our college.

**Jake** Is that right? [7]_____ that.

**Rob** So how can we resolve this?

**Jake** I'll talk to them tomorrow. Maybe they can stay with some other friends for a while.

**Rob** And [8]_____ on a maximum of three or four nights for any friends to stay?

**Jake** Sure.

## Choose one of the situations below and have a similar conversation.

You are annoyed because your flatmate keeps borrowing your clothes.

**You are certain that you do the supermarket shopping more often than your flatmate.**

Your flatmate wakes you up very early in the morning when he does an hour-long workout to loud music.

*Your flatmate has lost three sets of keys to the flat in the last six months.*

Your flatmate had a party when you were away and still hasn't cleaned up properly.

You are worried because your flatmate hasn't paid their half of the rent this month.

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