Many international students come to study at New College every year. There are three main types of accommodation available to international students: college halls of residence, private houses or flats, and host families.

A. College halls of residence

There are three halls of residence on the college campus. Tulip Hall and Rose Hall have single rooms for students with a bed, desk, chair, wardrobe, cupboard and a bookcase. There are shared bathrooms and a shared kitchen. In Holly Hall, the rooms also have their own bathrooms. Students have breakfast, lunch and dinner in the college restaurant. The college halls of residence are a good choice for students who want to make new friends, but would prefer not to cook their own meals.

B. Private houses or flats

Some students prefer to find their own house or flat in the city. This is more expensive than staying on campus or with a host family, but many students like to do this because they can live with their friends. Students can find houses and flats to rent in the city on the college website. This is a good option for students who prefer to cook for themselves. There is often a living room where students can spend time together when they are not working.

C. Host families

Another popular choice for international students is to stay with a local host family. Students live in a house or flat with a family. The family makes breakfast and dinner for the student, but they need to buy their own lunch. The family also spends time with them in the evening and organises activities for the weekend. All students have their own bedroom, and share the bathroom, living room and kitchen with the family. This is a really good way for international students to improve their level of English quickly by talking to members of the host family.

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Exercise 4: Read the text again. Which type of accommodation would be the best choice for each student?

1. Komal from India

I would like to get to know people from this country and to improve my level of English really quickly. I don't want to spend a lot of money on a room. I like cooking, and would like to learn how to cook English food.

Best choice of accommodation:

○halls of residence ○private house or flat ○host family

2. Pierre from France

I am planning to study a lot this year, so I want to be close to the library. I don't want to spend a lot of time shopping for food and cooking.

Best choice of accommodation:

○halls of residence ○private house or flat ○host family

3. Yuxi from China

My sister and I are both studying at New College and I would like to live together, maybe with one or two other people. We would like to live close to the college, but we prefer to cook our own meals.

Best choice of accommodation:

○halls of residence ○private house or flat ○host family

4. Ahmed from Dubai

I am new from the city, and I would like to make new friends . I don't like cooking and I don't want to travel far to get to the college.

Best choice of accommodation:

○halls of residence ○private house or flat ○host family

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5. Nasreen from Saudi Arabia

I would like to relax in the evening and talk to people in English. I don't want to spend all of my time with students from my country, as I need to improve my level of English quickly.

Best choice of accommodation:

○halls of residence ○private house or flat ○host family

Exercise 5: Read about professional runner Rosa Martinez and where she goes on holiday. Then complete the exercise.

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As a famous runner, I do a lot of travelling as part of my job. Last year I did races in London, New York, Paris and Dubai. I also went to Thailand for a big sports event, which was an amazing experience. However, when I have time to take a holiday, I love going to my aunt and uncle's house in the south of Spain. I go there for two weeks every summer with my whole family. My aunt and uncle bought the house when I was very young, and I still remember the summers I spent there when I was a child. It is a beautiful house and my favorite place to stay in the whole world.

B

The house is just outside a small village and it is close to the mountains and the sea. It is more than 100 years old. In the past, it was a farm with horses, chickens and sheep. There are no animals there now, but there is still a lot of land, so the house has a really big garden. In the garden, there is a barbecue area, and we often have dinner there in the summertime. There are fruit trees, vegetables and a lot of flowers. We don't need a swimming pool, because the house is so close to the sea. We always spend a lot of time at the beach when we go there in the summer.

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C All of the rooms are large and pretty. On the ground floor, there is a big kitchen and living room, a bathroom and one bedroom. Upstairs there is one large bedroom with its own small bathroom. You can see the mountains from this bedroom. There are two more bedrooms where you can see the sea. My favorite bedroom is the first one on the left when you go up the stairs. I used to stay there when I was a child. It has a seat in the window where I like to sit and read books or write letters.

D The style of the house is very traditional. There is a very large dinner table in the kitchen, so that the whole family can sit down and eat together. The living room has comfortable chairs and a large television screen. We often watch films or play games there in the evenings. My uncle made a lot of the furniture himself. He made the tables and chairs in the kitchen and all the beds. The walls are all painted in different shades of green and blue to look like the sea. My aunt loves to paint and does beautiful paintings of the mountains and the sea in the area. There are many of these paintings on the walls.

E The house is close to some of the most beautiful countryside in the area, and it is possible to walk to some of the best beaches, where there are not many people. In fact, we sometimes have the whole beach to ourselves! The village is a short walk or bicycle ride from the house, and you can find some lovely cafés and restaurants in the main square. I often go canoeing, horse riding and hiking nearby. It is great to get away from the city and relax in nature.

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Match the information with the correct paragraph.

	Paragraph
1. Some outdoor activities that Rosa likes doing	
2. Rosa's favorite place to sleep	
3. The history of the house	
4. The furniture in the house	
5. Rosa's favorite place to go on holiday	
6. Where Rosa's family spend time in the evening	
7. Places to eat near the house	
8. Rosa's aunt's hobby	

Exercise 6: Rearrange the words and phrases in brackets to complete the sentences.

1 There is a cupboard……(*no*) the wall.

2 There is a guitar……(*udrne*) the bed.

3 There is a lamp……(*txne ot*) the computer.

4 There is a window ……(*bhenid*) the bed.

5 There is a tennis racquet ……(*ni*) the cupboard.

6 There is a chair ……(*ni rtnfo fo*) the desk.

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