



1 SPEAKING AND LISTENING

a You want to stay with a homestay family. What kind of family would you like to stay with? Tick (✓) three ideas and tell a partner.

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| 1 ☐ quiet and friendly | 5 ☐ lives near a bus/train station |
| 2 ☐ friendly and fun | 6 ☐ lives in the city centre |
| 3 ☐ with young children | 7 ☐ has wi-fi |
| 4 ☐ with no children | 8 ☐ has no TV |

b Read the profiles of two Sydney homestay families. Which family would you like to stay with? Why?

c Ahmed talks to an Australian friend, Finn, about which family to stay with in Sydney. Does Finn tell Ahmed which family to choose?

d Listen again. Tick (✓) the activities that are true for Ahmed.

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| 1 ☐ enjoys gardening |
| 2 ☐ likes watching sport |
| 3 ☐ likes listening to music |
| 4 ☐ wants to play rugby |
| 5 ☐ loves going to the beach |
| 6 ☐ wants to study hard |
| 7 ☐ likes playing football |
| 8 ☐ wants to have fun |

e Which family is good for Ahmed? Why?

I think the Philips family are good because they like doing sports.



2 READING

a Ahmed decided to stay with the Conways. Read his email to them. Tick (✓) the main reason he writes to them.

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| 1 ☐ to ask about their house |
| 2 ☐ to tell them about all the sports he likes |
| 3 ☐ to tell them about himself |
| 4 ☐ to explain how much he wants to study |

b Read the email again. Number the information in the order you find it.

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| ☐ his future plans | ☐ his hobbies |
| ☐ his family's jobs | ☐ his hometown |

Dubai

Dear Mr and Mrs Conway

My name is Ahmed Al Mansouri and I come from Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Thank you for offering to be my homestay family when I'm in Sydney.

I am 23 years old and study biology at university. I live with my family in Dubai. My father is a businessman and my mother is a doctor. I've got one brother and one sister. They're university students too.

In my free time, I like playing football (I think you say 'soccer' in Australia!) and meeting my friends. I like watching different kinds of sports with them.

While I'm in Sydney, I really want to study hard and improve my English because I want to become a marine biologist after I finish university. I'd really like to work in a country like Australia.

I'm looking forward to meeting you when I arrive.

Best wishes
Ahmed



3 WRITING SKILLS

Linking ideas with *after*, *when* and *while*

a Underline the word in each sentence that's different from Ahmed's email.

- 1 Thank you for offering to be my homestay family while I'm in Sydney.
- 2 I want to become a marine biologist when I finish university.
- 3 I'm looking forward to meeting you after I arrive.
- 4 When I'm in Sydney, I really want to study hard.

b Look at the sentences in 3a and complete the rules with the words in the box.

after beginning while

- 1 We use *when* and _____ to join two activities that happen at the same time.
- 2 We use *when* and _____ to join two activities that happen at different times.
- 3 If the linking word is at the _____ of the sentence, we use a comma (,) between the two parts.

c Underline the correct words. There is more than one possible answer.

- 1 After / When / While I finish my English course, I'd like to go to Canada for a holiday.
- 2 I'd like to go skiing in the mountains after / when / while I'm on holiday.
- 3 I often play basketball with my colleagues after / when / while I finish work.
- 4 After / When / While I watch a game of football, I usually want to play a game myself.
- 5 My English improved after / when / while I was in Sydney.