

SPEAKING: CHOOSING ACCOMMODATION

24 ▶ Look at the information in the boxes that Andrew Taylor gave to Giorgio. In pairs, answer and discuss the question.

1 Which accommodation is best for Giorgio?

CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION

- Five minutes walk to lecture hall (always)
- Fast Wi-Fi connection (sometimes slow at busy times)
- All bedrooms on floors 2, 3 and 4
- Single bed – no pillows or sheets provided
- Shared bathroom on every floor
- Modern apartment block (160 bedrooms in total)
- Live with 159 other students
- All meals included



PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

- 25 minute bus ride to lecture hall (usually – sometimes longer)
- Superfast Wi-Fi (always)
- Bedroom on ground floor
- Double bed – pillows and sheets provided
- Private bathroom
- Detached house (three bedrooms in total)
- Live with two other students and the homeowner
- No meals included

25 Which accommodation in Exercise 24 would you prefer? Use the questions below to help you decide.

- 1 In your opinion, what is more important, having superfast Wi-Fi speed or having a short walk to lectures?
- 2 Do you prefer the idea of having a pillow and sheets provided or not? Why?
- 3 How do you like the idea of a room on the ground floor?
- 4 Are you unhappy about the idea of sharing a bathroom with other students? Or does it not matter to you?
- 5 What do you think about having all your meals included?
- 6 What are the advantages of living with lots of other students? And what are the disadvantages?

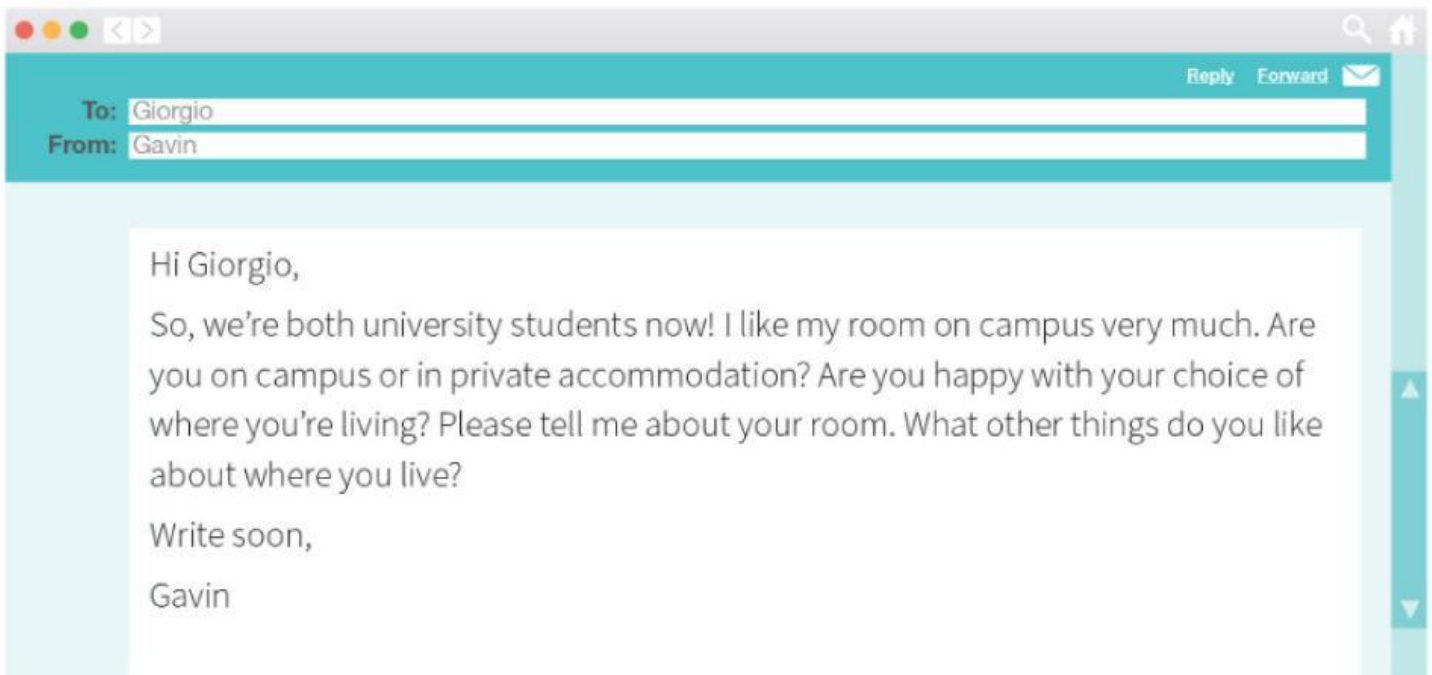
WRITING: AN EMAIL TO A FRIEND ABOUT ACCOMMODATION

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Read the email Giorgio received from his friend Gavin. Choose the best answer, A, B or C.

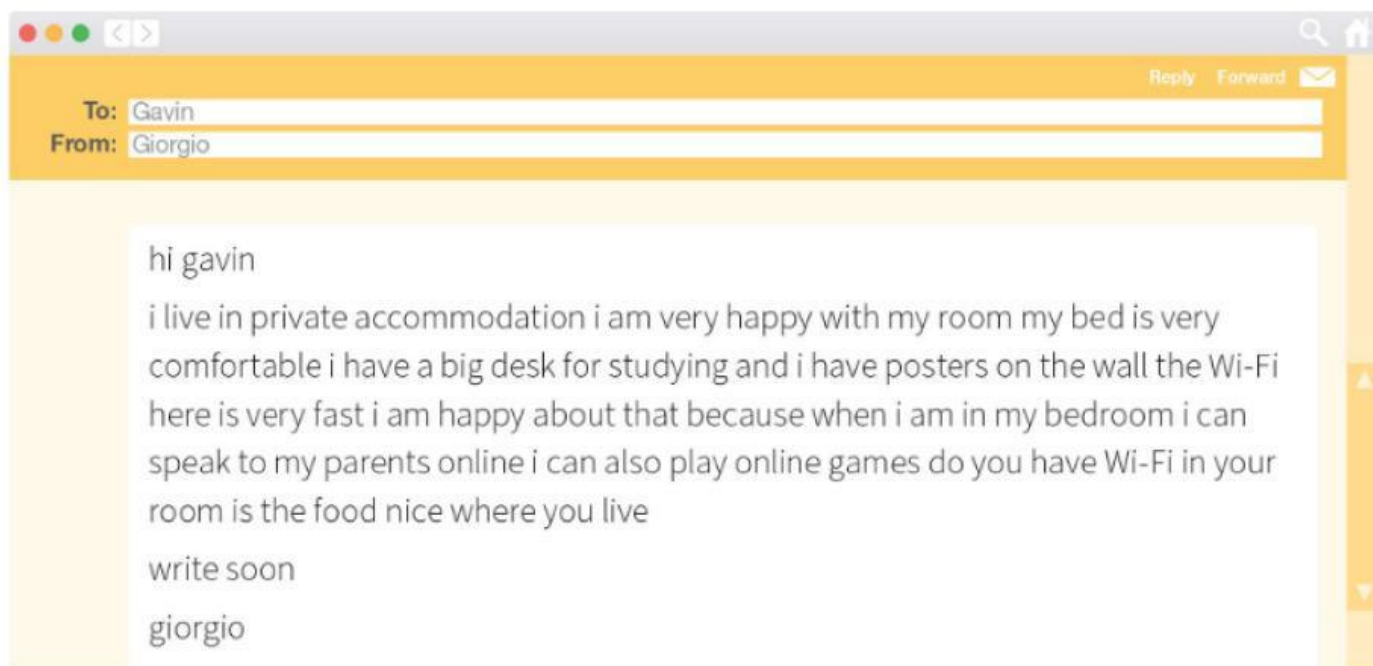
The main reason for writing is:

- A to say thank you to Giorgio.
- B to ask Giorgio for advice.
- C to tell Giorgio that he likes university.



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Look at Giorgio's reply. He does not use correct punctuation or capital letters. Re-write the email and correct the mistakes.



The screenshot shows an email client window with a yellow header bar. In the top right corner of the header, there are icons for 'Reply', 'Forward', and an envelope. Below the header, the email fields are displayed: 'To: Gavin' and 'From: Giorgio'. The main body of the email is a white box containing the following text:

hi gavin
i live in private accommodation i am very happy with my room my bed is very comfortable i have a big desk for studying and i have posters on the wall the Wi-Fi here is very fast i am happy about that because when i am in my bedroom i can speak to my parents online i can also play online games do you have Wi-Fi in your room is the food nice where you live
write soon
giorgio

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Imagine you are Gavin. Write a reply to Giorgio and answer his questions. Then, ask him two questions about his accommodation. Write 60–80 words.