

CouchSurfing around the world

1. Read the dictionary definition for *couch*, and look at the CouchSurfing website. What do you think CouchSurfing is?

couch /kəʊtʃ/ *noun* 1 a long comfortable seat for two or more people to sit on (= a sofa) 2 the bed in a doctor's room for a patient to lie on

b (58) Listen to part of a radio travel programme. Were you right? How does CouchSurfing work?

c (59) Now listen to the speaker give more details about CouchSurfing. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false).

- 1 CouchSurfers usually pay their host a little money.
- 2 You need to create a profile on the website.
- 3 When you find a person with a bed, you call them to agree the days you want to stay.
- 4 You have to offer other people a bed in your house or flat.
- 5 CouchSurfing is safe because you can read what other travellers say about the host.
- 6 The host always shows their guests their city.
- 7 You can CouchSurf all over the world.

d Would you like to go CouchSurfing? Why (not)? Would you like to have a stranger to stay in *your* house? Why (not)?