

10.3.1 SPEAKING

SHOPPING FOR A GYM

- B Work in groups. Discuss all three gyms, giving your impression of each one. Then decide which one you'd each like to join and explain why. Use the language in the box to help you.

	Gym 1	Gym 2	Gym 3
Cost	Programs for all budgets	Student discounts	Pay by month or by year
Location	Two locations: uptown and downtown	Six convenient central locations	One convenient central location
Classes	50 classes a week: yoga, dance, swimming, diet and weight loss	Boxing, karate, judo, personal training	Fitness classes, 8 large studios, personal trainers, athletic training
Equipment	Weights, running machines	Weights, running, and cycling machines	Modern equipment, wall/rope climbing
Social area	Wi-Fi, healthy snack bar	TVs, Wi-Fi, café and juice bar	Café, lounge, TVs, Wi-Fi
Pool	Large changing rooms	X	Clean changing room, spa
Hours	Open daily 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Open 24/7	Open 6:00 a.m. to midnight

USEFUL LANGUAGE

I get the impression (that) ...
 From what I can see ...
 I have a hunch (that) ...
 Judging by the ad ...
 My gut feeling is (that) ...
 As far as I can tell, ...
 What strikes me (about ...) is that ...

Well, **judging by** the description, Gym 3 is modern and pretty large.

I agree, and **as far as I can tell**, it has good facilities. For example, it says, "..."