

**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.

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.

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 Phillips 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.

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.

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.