

1 USEFUL LANGUAGE Discussing advantages and disadvantages

- a Underline the correct words to complete the conversation.

MAGDA You know, I'm seriously thinking ¹ at / of / on taking this job in Paris.

ROMAN No wonder! One good ² thing / advantage / problem about it is the higher salary. It's basically a promotion.

MAGDA True, but the trouble ³ by / for / with that is more pressure and stress. A big disadvantage ⁴ by / of / for the position I've been offered is that I'll have too much to do.

ROMAN Come on, one of the best things ⁵ about / with / of you is how you respond to a challenge.

MAGDA I suppose so ... Another problem ⁶ at / from / with this job offer is that I'll need to improve my French – and fast!

ROMAN No need to worry ⁷ for / at / about that either. The advantage ⁸ for / of / at living and working in a foreign country is that you learn the language quickly.

MAGDA You have an answer to everything!

ROMAN The only drawback ⁹ of / by / in the job I can see is the size of the company. Do you really want to work in a company that big?

MAGDA If they pay me enough money, yes!

- b  05.04 Listen and check.

2 CONVERSATION SKILLS Responding to an idea

- a Complete the conversation with the responses in the box.

That's a great idea! You haven't made one for ages.

That's a possibility, although we might have to invite them in for a coffee or something.

Hmm, I don't know about that. I'm not so keen on spicy food.

That's not a bad idea. They'd need to drive there, though.

Yes, that makes sense. I need the exercise!

It's an idea, I suppose. Where shall we go?

That might be worth a try, and it's not far.

A How about eating out tonight for a change?

B ¹It's an idea, I suppose. Where shall we go?

A There's a new Thai place which has just opened.

B ² _____

A Well, there's the Italian place just up the hill.

B ³ _____

A Let's walk there. It's a lovely day.

B ⁴ _____

A We could invite Amelia and Rob, too.

B ⁵ _____

A Then they could give us a lift if we feel too lazy to walk back.

B ⁶ _____

A So I've got an excuse to make one of your favourite lemon cakes.

B ⁷ _____

- b  05.05 Listen and check.

3 PRONUNCIATION Intonation groups

- a  05.06 Listen and underline the words that are stressed in the sentences.

1 The trouble is it could take a long time to get the money.

2 The good thing about it is we're not far away from the centre.

3 The problem is people are starting to talk about her.

4 The advantage is the price isn't very high.

5 The drawback is no one really knows what's going to happen.

6 The advantage is we can see a lot more of each other.

7 The trouble is I'm not sure I've got time to help him.

8 A definite disadvantage is it means selling the car.

