

Help someone settle in

Learner page 1 | B2 speaking practice with a partner

You have just moved to a new town. Which activity would you try? Why? You can speak about an invented person instead.



Pictures: top left sports club; top middle library event; top right volunteering; bottom left neighbourhood app; bottom right walking group. Find one reason each activity could help a newcomer. The pictures are a warm-up, not an exam task.

Task A

How might these activities help someone settle into a new town?

Joining a sports club • Attending library events • Volunteering locally • Using a neighbourhood app • Joining a walking group

1. Look at the question and five written prompts for 15 seconds.
2. Talk together for 2 minutes. Explain ideas, listen and respond. Explore different options before choosing.
3. Stop when the teacher signals. Listen to a new decision question. Discuss it for 1 minute. Both people need room to speak. There is no single correct choice.

Before you get feedback

What did your partner say? Tell them one idea you remember. Name one thing you did well and one thing you want to improve. Keep your first attempt before using page 2.

Keep the conversation going

Learner page 2 | Use after your first attempt

Two short conversations

Read the extracts aloud in pairs. These are short examples, not complete exam answers. Which conversation connects the speakers' ideas better? Point to a turn that shows this.

Conversation 1

A: A sports club is good. It is healthy. Library events are good. Apps are good too. I choose sport.

B: I think volunteering helps because you meet local people.

A: Yes. Sport is good. We choose sport.

Conversation 2

A: A sports club could help people meet regularly, although someone who dislikes sport might prefer library events. What do you think?

B: Volunteering could be useful because you work with local people.

A: That's a good point. Would it help a newcomer practise the language too?

B: Probably, but they might need support at first.

A: So volunteering offers contact, while a walking group might feel less demanding. Which would be easier for a shy newcomer?

Find the useful moves

1. In conversation 2, find a question that invites the partner in.
2. Find a reply that builds on the partner's idea.
3. Find a comparison and a reason.
4. In conversation 1, which idea does A ignore? Give A a better next turn.

Try one small change

Partner A: "A neighbourhood app could help because you can ask local questions."

Partner B: Respond to that reason. Add a question, comparison or limitation. A answers. Then swap roles and use a different activity.

Need words? That could help because... / You mentioned... Would that also...? / I see your point, although... / How does that compare with...?

Choose ONE change for the next task. Use your own feedback, not just the example's problem. Try without the phrase list when you are ready.

My change
