

DESCRIBING ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES

A2-B1 | Conversation practice examples for discussing good and bad points

Conversation: Thinking about a shared flat

Chloe	I'm thinking of moving into a shared flat. Living alone is getting expensive.
Ethan	One good thing is that you can share the bills. I've saved quite a lot since I moved.
Chloe	I'd like having someone to talk to in the evening, too. Is there anything you don't like?
Ethan	A problem is that we all want to use the kitchen at the same time.
Chloe	Does that cause arguments?
Ethan	Not often. But it can be difficult to keep the flat quiet when someone has friends over.
Chloe	I'd need to ask about that. I study at home most evenings.
Ethan	Yes. However , if you find people with a similar routine, sharing can work really well.

Key phrases: One good thing is / A problem is / it can be difficult to / However

Conversation: An online language course

Sophie	How's your online Spanish course going? I'm thinking of joining it.
Adam	Pretty well. The advantage is that I don't have to travel after work.
Sophie	That would help me, too. Can you watch the lessons again?
Adam	Yes. It's useful because I can listen again to anything I didn't understand.
Sophie	It sounds ideal. What's the bad side?
Adam	The disadvantage is that we don't talk much before or after class. I miss that.
Sophie	I hadn't thought about that. Do you practise together outside the lessons?
Adam	Sometimes. On the good side , I've found a partner nearby, and we meet for coffee on Fridays.

Key phrases: The advantage is / It's useful because / The disadvantage is / On the good side

Create your own conversation

Choose one prompt. Use at least two key phrases and include a natural response and follow-up.

Prompt 1: Discuss sharing a home. Explain benefits and problems, then consider whether it suits you.

Prompt 2: Ask about an online course. Discuss convenience, practice opportunities and social contact.