

## House Swap (conversation lesson)

level: pre-intermediate (A2) +

class: one to one

time: 60 min

skills: speaking, listening, reading

### Warm-up

1. Ask your student a few questions related to your today's topic: *'Where do you usually stay when you go on holiday? What's the most unusual place you've stayed in?'*
2. Ask them if they've ever heard of *house swap*. If they have, ask them to give a definition. If not, give them worksheet 1 and see if they can make a definition using all the words.  
(correct answer: an arrangement where two families exchange houses for a holiday)
3. Ask: *'What do you think of the idea?'*

### The Holiday

4. Watch this trailer from the movie *The Holiday*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VNLhaXujTbk> and:
  - a. if your student hasn't seen the movie, ask: *'What did Amanda and Iris do? Why did they do it? What went wrong?'*
  - b. if they have seen it, ask them for a much more complex introduction of the two main characters, based on the trailer and on what they remember from the movie, as well as a short review of the movie

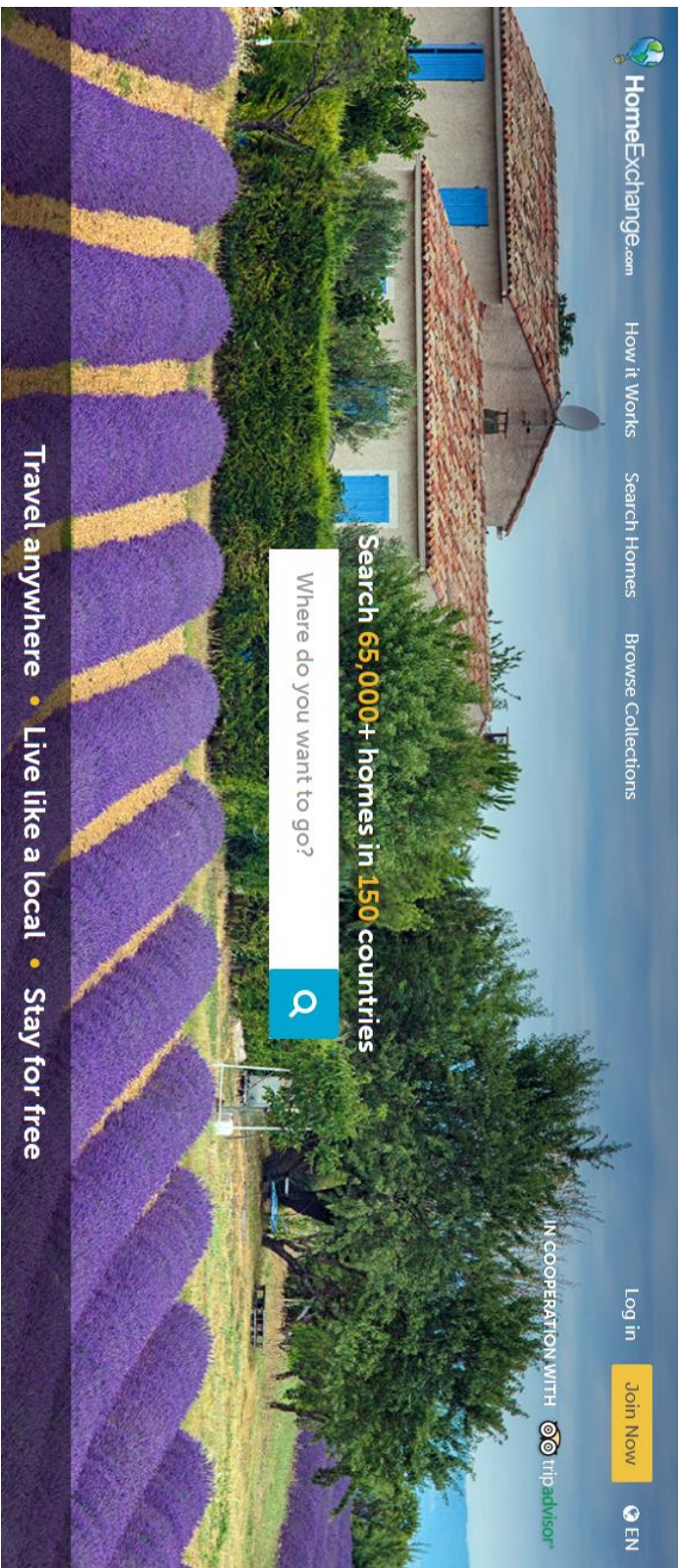
### Swap!!!

5. Write a list of pros and cons of house swap and keep it for a later activity.
6. Ask: *'Do you know anyone who's tried house swap? How did it go? Where did they travel? Were they disappointed/excited/shocked/...? Would you try that yourself? Why/why not?'*
7. Whether the answer to the previous question was yes or no, tell your student that now they are going to swap houses with someone! First of all, they have to choose where they want to go. Go to [homeexchange.com](http://homeexchange.com) and let them choose 2 or 3 places they like. If you are short of time or do not have Internet connection, you can use the ones in worksheet 2. Ask them to sum up the pros and cons of each place. Which one would be their first choice and why?
8. Now role-play the following situation: you are your student's flatmate and now that they've found a perfect place to swap, they have to persuade you to go for it, too! Be very reluctant and make your student fight for it. You can use the arguments you listed in point 5.

### Homework

9. Ask your student to write an ad for their house/flat to place on [homeexchange.com](http://homeexchange.com). Remind them to make sure that the description sounds attractive enough to catch other home exchangers' eye!

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AN A FOR HOLIDAY HOUSES  
FAMILIES

## A River Runs Through It..MUST SEE....built by Hollywood Set Design

Ubud, Gianyar 80571, Republic of Indonesia

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Imagine waking up to the sound of the rushing river. Our home is perched in the tree tops, sharing the same vista as the Maya Ubud, a 5 star resort, looking right back at us. A spacious grand room. with ironwood floors throughout, is the perfect place for relaxing, yoga, or whatever your special pleasure is.

Stunning wrap around glass windows surround the master bedroom, with uninterrupted views of the valley, tree tops and the river from every seat. The bedroom has a custom made, beautiful teak wood bed, with flat screen TV, cable and air con. The ensuite living room and bedroom are finished in polished terrazzo.

Additionally there is a second bedroom with en suite bath and wrap around views. Accommodation can be made to sleep two additional guests (up to 6)

This is your chance to stay in a home designed by David Seligman, who designed for the Hollywood movie Industry for 30 years.

A modern kitchen finished in boat wood and polished cement comes with all amenities.

My home has WIFI throughout, stereo, Bose IPod docks, and a fine library of books to relax with...one last thing, my home is also fully staffed with a housekeeper and gardener, so you won't have to lift a finger... It'll prove to be the perfect holiday getaway.

This beautiful Grand room is optimal for entertaining, dinner parties, yoga, dancing and lounging....Gorgeous views and breezes.



Accomodates: 8

4 Bedrooms

4 Bathrooms

No smoking

Pets are Welcome

Children are Welcome

### Exchange Type

Simultaneous

Non-simultaneous

## Home

### Why We Love Our Home

- The View!
- Our Grande room.....yoga, dance, snooze, read
- dipping in the pool ...

## Wall Street, Manhattan loft-like 2BR, Great for Kids

New York, NY, USA

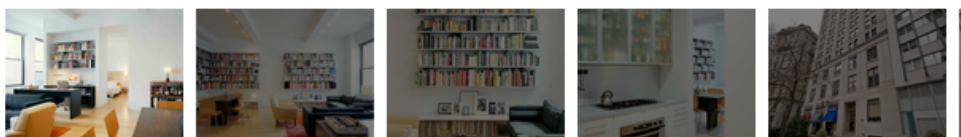
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- Large (1600 sq ft, 2BR, 2B) apartment on a high floor, sleeps 7
- Architect-designed, loft-like, high ceilings
- Furnished for a family with young children; toys, games
- 24-hour doorman; neighbors also Home Exchangers
- Bike share station directly in front of the building
- 2, 3, 4, 5, R, J, M, Z subways 3 minutes or less walk
- 2 ensuite bathrooms, both with soaking tubs
- Huge living & dining area
- Aerobeds: queen & twin-regular
- Huge kitchen with dishwasher
- WiFi
- Laundry on the same floor

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The bedroom seen here has been renovated again to be the children's, and has a door for light and sound privacy. The desks are gone and there is an open / play area where an Aerobed can fit.



Accomodates: 7      2 Bedrooms      2 Bathrooms

No smoking      Pets not allowed      Children are Welcome

**Exchange Type**      Simultaneous      Non-simultaneous      Weekend Exchange

### Home

#### Why We Love Our Home

- Huge Rooms, Clean Modern Design
- Brooklyn Bridge, Statue of Liberty, Ferries, Parks
- Kids LOVE NYC and Lower Manhattan