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2. Tell them they are going to design their ideal, money-no-object holiday and give them 5 minutes to make notes under each heading.
3. Divide the class in half and take half the students outside the room. Explain to them that they are shopping for a holiday for their new boss, and that the holiday s/he wants is the plan they have on their paper. They will visit a number of travel agents to find the best deal.
4. Explain to the other half of the class that they are travel agents and have to sell a holiday today to keep their job. The holiday they can offer is the plan they made. Ask them to spread out around the room. Invite the 'holiday shoppers' back into the room and ask each one to sit in front of a 'travel agent'.
5. Give each 'holiday shopper' two minutes to find out about each holiday on offer, and explain what their boss is looking for. Shoppers may make notes but cannot commit to buy a holiday.
6. After two minutes, ask 'shoppers' to stand up and move to the next 'travel agent'. At this point, you can input / elicit / feed back on useful language and common errors.
7. Repeat steps 5 and 6 so each 'shopper' gets to hear about at least 5 holidays. Ask 'shoppers' to decide which holiday they will buy for their boss. While they are deciding, ask 'travel agents' if they think they have sold their holiday.

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