

- 4** | Work with a partner to prepare a dialogue about renting a cottage for a week. Use the information in the role cards to role-play the dialogue.

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Student A

You are a potential cottage renter. You have two children and want a cottage with a yard that is close to a lake. The cottage must have a barbecue.

- Make a list of questions to ask the cottage owner.
- Call the owner to find out about all of the cottage amenities.
- Ask about the rental rate for the month of July.
- Ask about availability.
- Clarify details.
- Confirm a deadline to decide on the rental.

Student B

You are a cottage owner. You would like to rent out your cottage on a weekly basis in the summer. The cottage is a cozy two-bedroom cedar cabin on a small lake. It sleeps four to six people. There is a queen-sized bed in one bedroom and bunk beds in the other. The beachfront cottage is kid- and pet-friendly. It has a wood stove, full kitchen, barbecue, screened-in porch, outdoor shower and canoe. The lake is small and private, with clean water and abundant wildlife. There are hiking trails in the vicinity. The site is located near a small village with historic attractions and a farmers' market. This cottage is ideal for a quiet vacation in beautiful surroundings. Decide on the weekly rate, deposit requirements, availability, and check-in and check-out times.

- Give cottage information to the prospective renter.
- Clarify details about the renter and the family.
- Set a date and time to confirm their interest in renting the cottage.

- 5** | Write an email to follow up on your conversation. Place an order for renting the cottage for a specific period of time; request a contract with details about all charges and deadlines for payment.