

Imagine you have been invited to a party. You feel your parents are unlikely to agree to let you go, because there has recently been a fuss in the media about the dangers of teenagers drinking.

Task

Persuade your parents to let you go to the party by foreseeing their concerns and calming their fears. Role-play with a partner and practise your persuasive skills. Use the following prompts to help structure your persuasive ideas:

- *Briefly explain when the party is, how you plan to get there and back and what time you should be home.*
- *Show that you understand why they might say 'No'.*
- *Now tell them why they don't have to worry about you - talk about trustworthy people they know who will be there, any safety measures in place [like no gate-crashers], and your own maturity.*
- *End with thanks and a reassuring promise.*

While you are persuading your 'parents' your partner should be noting down each time you use a persuasive technique. When you have finished, discuss with your partner how persuasive they found your argument and any improvements you could make.

Now it's your turn to listen to your partner's argument and provide them with feedback.