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English Programs in the United States offer a foreign Student the option of living with an American family while he or she is studying abroad. Many students feel that such a home-stay program is a valuable part of their total learning experience. However, others may feel that such a plan offers little value. In a short essay, discuss one or two advantages of living with an American family and then state one or two disadvantages. Tell whether you are in favor of or opposed to the idea of home-stay. Give examples to support your opinion.

A foreign student who plans to come to the United States must have some definite goals in mind. For the student who wants to improve his English quickly and learn about American customs firsthand, there is often an opportunity to live with an American family. There may be one or two disadvantages to this living arrangement.

However, I believe there are far more advantages. First of all, some minor disadvantages to live with an American family include lack of privacy and little opportunity to have independence (be independent). For instance, the foreign student may find that the family expects him to join them in group activities such as watching television and going on picnics. At times, however, he might enjoy staying in his room to read or write letters to his family and friends. Another drawback to living in an American home involves the possibility that the family may treat the student like a child. For

example, the parents may want to decide who his friends will be and where he will go during his leisure time away from home. Even though there may be one or two disadvantages to live with an American family, the advantages far overweigh them. By taking part in a Home-stay program, the student has an excellent opportunity to learn about American customs. He will find out how to behave in different social situations such as parties and serimonies(ceremonies) and how to dress(dress on)these occasions. Also, he will learn about many other aspects about American way of life, such as the way schools are run in the United States. With a family close by, he can ask questions about attendance rules and school costs. The family will make certain that he becomes acquainted with this new way of life, and soon he will feel at home. Another advantage to living with an American family is that the student is in an ideal environment to improve his English. For example, each time he has a conversation with someone in the family, this native speaker can help him with his pronunciation and grammar. Maybe the younger children in the family can help the student with his homework,too. But the most important thing is that he will be surround(surrounded)by English most of the time during his stay in the United States. Although I agree that there may be a couple of disadvantages to living with an American family, I feel that the advantages are more obvious. In a home-stay program, the student can learn about American customs in the most natural way possible. In addition, he will find himself in an atmosphere in which his English will certainly improve. In my opinion, there are two most important goals for him to consider, and

living with an American family is the best way to achieve them.

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