Situation
My cousin Patrick has just been offered a great new position at work. If he takes this new job, he will have to go to London for training for nine months. He needs to decide if he will accept the new position or not. Tell me what advice you think I should give him.

First
You should look at the pictures below and ask:
• What are his options?
• What is the advantage to each option?
• What is the disadvantage to each option?

Then
When you have all the information you need, explain which option would be best and why. Be ready to explain why you didn’t choose the other option. Remember to use information you learn from asking questions to explain your final choice.

Finally
After you have shared your decision, you will be asked more questions about the topic.

EXAMINER INFORMATION

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<th>Options</th>
<th>Option 1 (clock tower and British flag)</th>
<th>Option 2 (living room with sofa)</th>
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<td>Take a new job and go to London for nine months, but he has to go alone — without his family.</td>
<td>Not take the new position and stay at home to be with his family.</td>
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<td>Advantages</td>
<td>The new position would be a very exciting one because he would manage relations between the London office and the local one.</td>
<td>He and his wife have just had a baby son who is only three months old, so he can see a lot more of the baby if he stays home.</td>
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<td>Disadvantages</td>
<td>He has to go to London alone. The company will not move his family over there with him.</td>
<td>It is a very small local office, and if he doesn’t take this position, he may not get another opportunity for many years to come.</td>
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ELABORATION QUESTIONS

1. Do you think it would be fun or scary to live apart from your family in a new country? Tell me why.
2. Do you know anybody who has gone to another country to study or to work? Tell me about it.
3. Some people believe that their careers are more important than their families. Can you think of any reasons why this might be true? What is your opinion about this?