

## GRAMMAR Linking verbs

### 3 Complete the chat room messages with the pairs of words. Put the linking verbs in the correct form.

1 feel / guilty sound / fed up be / upset

A: Sorry I was rude to you earlier.

B: No problem. You ..... really  
..... How come?

A: I had a row with my mum. To be honest, I  
said some horrible things and now I  
.....

B: You both must .....  
but I'm sure you'll make it up soon.

2 feel / embarrassed seem / down  
be / pleased

A: How's it going?

B: Not great.

A: Any news?

B: Not really.

A: You ..... a bit ..... What's  
up?

B: I saw my ex-girlfriend yesterday. I .....  
really ..... to see her, but she didn't  
want to speak to me. She was with her new  
boyfriend.

A: Maybe she .....  
because he was there.

3 sound / relaxed feel / disappointed  
look / stress

A: Are you OK? You ..... a bit

..... when I saw you yesterday.

B: I'm OK, thanks, but I didn't get onto the  
course I wanted to do. I .....

..... yesterday but I'm OK now.

A: Good, you ..... a lot more

..... now – more like your old self.

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## DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

### Response expressions

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**4 Match the news (1-6) with the responses (a-f).**

- 1 My laptop has been stolen.....
  - 2 I've just passed my driving test.....
  - 3 I'm afraid I can't come to your party.....
  - 4 My sister's getting married.....
  - 5 My dad has just lost his job.....
  - 6 My grandmother is coming out of hospital tomorrow.....
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- a Really? Congratulations! You can give me a lift to work!
  - b Wow! That's great. When is the wedding?
  - c Oh, no! I'm sorry. I'm sure he'll find a new one soon.
  - d Oh, no, what a pain! Have you lost all your work?
  - e Phew, that's a relief. I know how worried you were.
  - f Oh, what a shame! I'll send you some photos.
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## LISTENING

5 **2.1** You are going to hear three people talking about the same event. Listen first to Mark. What event is he talking about?

- a a wedding    b meeting his girlfriend's parents for the first time



6 **2.1** Listen to Mark again, and then to Mrs deVere and Annie. Are these statements true or false?

- 1 Before the dinner, Mark felt nervous.
- 2 He was wearing clothes that were too formal.
- 3 He felt he wasn't very good at making conversation.
- 4 Annie's parents already knew a lot about him.
- 5 Annie's parents hadn't liked her previous boyfriends.
- 6 Annie had forgotten to warn Mark about clothes.
- 7 She didn't mind that he told some jokes.
- 8 She was pleased that Mark had met her parents.



## PRONUNCIATION Stress

7 **2.2** Underline the main stresses. Listen and check.

- 1 I'm not normally a nervous person, so I felt pretty relaxed about the whole thing.
- 2 I was wearing jeans and a shirt, but the restaurant was a really elegant place.
- 3 I was really fed up with Annie that she hadn't warned me it was a formal dinner.
- 4 To be honest, we hadn't been very keen on most of her boyfriends, so my husband and I were rather worried about the dinner.



8 Listen again. Practise saying the sentences.

## 2.1

**M = Mark, D = Mrs deVere, A = Annie**

M: Well, I'm not normally a nervous person, so I felt pretty relaxed about the whole thing. And I've always got on well with people, so I didn't expect there to be a problem. But things started going wrong from the moment I turned up. I was wearing jeans and a shirt, but the restaurant was a really elegant place. Her mum was in a silk dress and her dad in a smart suit. I was really fed up with Annie that she hadn't warned me it was a formal dinner. Anyway, I tried to make conversation but I kept getting confused when anyone asked me a question. Then I told a couple of jokes and no one laughed. The silence was awful. Annie said her parents didn't mind, but it was awkward when the evening was over.

D: Mark and Annie had been going out together for about six months. She never talked about him much so we had no idea of what to expect. To be honest, we hadn't been very keen on most of her boyfriends, so my husband and I were rather worried about the dinner. It was difficult when he first came because we were wearing smart clothes but he was in jeans. He was obviously embarrassed. I think Annie had forgotten to tell him that we were in a formal restaurant. Anyway, we all had a drink and relaxed a little. He seemed rather nervous and told one or two awful jokes, but all in all it was a good evening. In fact, we were pleased that Annie had found someone nice.




A: Well, my parents have never liked any of my boyfriends so I was pretty stressed about the whole evening. Usually, my dad gets in a bad mood about something and so no one can enjoy themselves. Anyway, I felt really guilty when Mark walked in because I hadn't warned him about what to wear. He looked annoyed with me at first but then he calmed down a bit. Mark chatted with my parents but he didn't talk too much or try to impress them. I thought everything went well, even Mark's very old jokes! I was in a good mood just to see my parents spending time with my boyfriend.

## 2.2

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## LISTENING

3  3.1 You are going to hear five people talking about holiday problems. Match the speakers (1–5) to the letters (a–e).

- a It cost a lot more than we had expected.
- b We had several transport problems.
- c The local attractions were awful.
- d We didn't get on with each other very well.
- e There were too many other people.

Speaker 1

Speaker 4

Speaker 2


Speaker 5

Speaker 3

## PRONUNCIATION Same sound or different?

4 Are the letters in **bold** the same sound (S) or different (D)?

- 1 The hotel **sounded** wonderful. / The terminal was so **crowded**.
- 2 There was only a **theme** park. / There were **queues** everywhere.
- 3 We had **booked** a taxi. / I was in such a bad **mood**.
- 4 There was a train strike that day. / It was **quieter** in the autumn.
- 5 My **neighbour** offered to take us. / I was so **relieved** to get home.
- 6 The bus **service** was terrible. / The **journey** was a nightmare.

5  3.2 Listen and check. Practice saying the sentences.



6 Complete the questions with the correct form of the verbs in brackets. Then choose the correct words in the answers.

- 1 A: ..... you ever ..... the pyramids? (see)  
B: No, never. *I love / I'd love to*, though.
- 2 A: ..... you ever ..... on holiday by yourself? (go)  
B: No, I've *ever / never* really fancied it.
- 3 A: ..... you ever ..... camping? (try)  
B: Yes, *lots / several times*.
- 4 A: ..... you ever ..... Japanese food? (eat)  
B: No, never. It's supposed *be / to be* delicious.
- 5 A: ..... you ever ..... a camel? (ride)  
B: No, never. *Have you? / Did you?* I've heard it's quite difficult.
- 6 A: ..... you ever ..... Disneyland with your kids? (visit)  
B: Yes, but I wouldn't go there if I were you. It's not worth *it / of it*.
- 7 A: ..... you ever ..... in a helicopter? (fly)  
B: No, never. What *does / is* it like?
- 8 A: ..... you ever ..... to Singapore? (go)  
B: Yes, it's wonderful. You should *to go / go*.

- 1 'You ...C... be late for work.'  
'I know. I'm leaving now.'  
A needn't      B must      C mustn't
- 2 'Jim ..... lose some weight. His doctor said so.'  
'Then he must go on a diet.'  
A mustn't      B can      C has to
- 3 'I ..... go to the bank today. I have enough money.'  
'Well, I'll go alone, then.'  
A needn't      B have to      C must
- 4 'Did you deliver that parcel for me?'  
'No, I ..... find the house, so I've come back to get a map.'  
A can      B could      C couldn't
- 5 'I ..... clean the house today. It's dirty.'  
'I'll help you.'  
A needn't      B must      C mustn't
- 6 'I ..... feed the dog at lunchtime. My brother did it in the morning.'  
'You can do it this evening, then.'  
A didn't need to      B needn't have      C need
- 7 'Do you need any help?'  
'Yes. I ..... open the window. It's stuck.'  
A could      B am able to      C can't
- 8 'I ..... swim until I was ten.'  
'Well, I didn't learn until I was eleven.'  
A can      B can't      C couldn't
- 9 'Can I talk to you, please?'  
'Sorry, I ..... go now. I'm late for a meeting.'  
A mustn't      B has to      C must
- 10 'Is Tom good at languages?'  
'Yes, he ..... already speak French, German and Italian.'  
A can't      B can      C could
- 11 'The test was too difficult for me.'  
'Oh dear, I ..... do it quite easily.'  
A was able to      B can't      C can

1 Complete the spidergram with the words in the box.

the theatre	football	the cinema	climbing	cards
some baking	sailing	tennis	a ride on my bike	
a friend's place	a run	a drive	a bit of exercise	shopping

The spidergram features a central white silhouette of a person in a dynamic pose, with the text "Evening and weekend activities" written across their body. Five thought bubbles are arranged around the figure, each containing a verb phrase followed by a dotted line for an activity. The bubbles are: top-left (play +), top-right (go +), middle-left (go to +), middle-right (do +), and bottom-right (go for +).

play +

football

go +

go to +

do +

Evening and weekend activities

go for +

**2 Complete the conversations. Put the words in brackets in the correct order.**

- 1 A: Mum, I'm bored.  
B: Well, go and ..... or .....  
(play / ride / your / football / bike)  
A: But that's boring. I do that every day.  
B: Well, ..... and ..... then.  
(in / bedroom / stay / tidy / up / your)
- 2 A: What did you do at the weekend?  
B: I just ..... and .....  
(in / it / stayed / took / easy)  
A: How come? You're usually such a party animal.  
B: Yeah, I ..... (fancy / just / going / clubbing / didn't)  
A: Fair enough.
- 3 A: What's your idea of a perfect Friday night?  
B: Going ..... or just ..... at home. What about you?  
(easy / for / to / it / place / a / friend's / dinner / taking)  
A: My idea of heaven is .....  
(for / and / staying / exams / studying / in / my)  
B: Why on earth would you want to do that?  
A: Only joking. My ideal night out is going ..... and then .....  
(going / watch / clubbing / bar / football / to / a / the / to)

**GRAMMAR** Habit and frequency

**3 Complete the questions with the answers. Use the present simple of the verbs in the box.**

play golf	go walking in the country	eat out
go clubbing	go to the gym	work

- 1 A: How ..... ?  
B: About once every two months. The local restaurants are quite expensive.
- 2 A: ..... ever ..... weekends?  
B: Yes, all the time. I'm at my desk every Sunday morning.
- 3 A: ..... much?  
B: Not as much as I should, so I'm starting to put on weight.
- 4 A: ..... ever ..... ?  
B: No, never. It's not my kind of thing. I'm into team sports like football or rugby.
- 5 A: ..... a lot?  
B: Yeah, at least three times a week. My best friend is a DJ.
- 6 A: ..... often ..... ?  
B: Whenever I can. I love being away from the city.