

## 1 USEFUL LANGUAGE

### Paraphrasing and summarising

a Underline the correct words to complete the conversation.

**NILS** Hi, Dario. So what's this news you wanted to tell me?

**DARIO** Well, it really is quite exciting. <sup>1</sup>*Generally / Basically*, I have decided not to start work just yet.

**NILS** Not work? But I thought you had a job offer?

**DARIO** I have but, you know, we've only just graduated and I've been studying, taking exams, revising and so on for years. <sup>2</sup>*Shortly / In a nutshell*, I fancy doing something different and going somewhere new.

**NILS** <sup>3</sup>*In other words / Said differently*, you're going travelling again.

**DARIO** But not just for pleasure. I did some reading, talked to some people, did some desk research, sent off some emails and, <sup>4</sup>*to cut things back / to cut a long story short*, I'm off to Uganda.

**NILS** Wow! Africa. To do what?

**DARIO** Well, I wanted to do something meaningful, you know, help others. Give something back.

**NILS** Not like people like me then!

**DARIO** No, <sup>5</sup>*what I meant was / my meaning was* that for me it's important to test myself a bit. Get out of the comfort zone. So I'm going to help build a primary school.

**NILS** A school? That will be amazing! You out in the African heat and me at my hot desk at the bank. That just about sums it up. So when are you off?

**DARIO** In two weeks. Can't wait. So much to do.

**NILS** Can I just say ... How shall I put this? I'm very proud.

b  **33** Listen and check.

c Complete the sentences with the words in the box. There may be more than one possible answer.

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in other words to cut a long story short what I meant was

- 1 My job is quite difficult to explain but in a nutshell, I help companies find solutions.
- 2 How did I end up here in China? Well, \_\_\_\_\_, I got a part-time job here twenty years ago.
- 3 People who eat their five a day, \_\_\_\_\_ fruit and vegetables, probably stay fitter.
- 4 Sorry, but that's not my point – \_\_\_\_\_ that the young should support the old.
- 5 People waste so much money on clothes, takeaways, music ... \_\_\_\_\_ stuff they don't need.
- 6 Even the BRIC countries, \_\_\_\_\_ Brazil, India, Russia and China, are struggling.