

Complete the text using the following words

JOKE

GOSSIP

SAYING

CONVERSATION

TALK

INTERRUPT

TELLS

RESPONSE

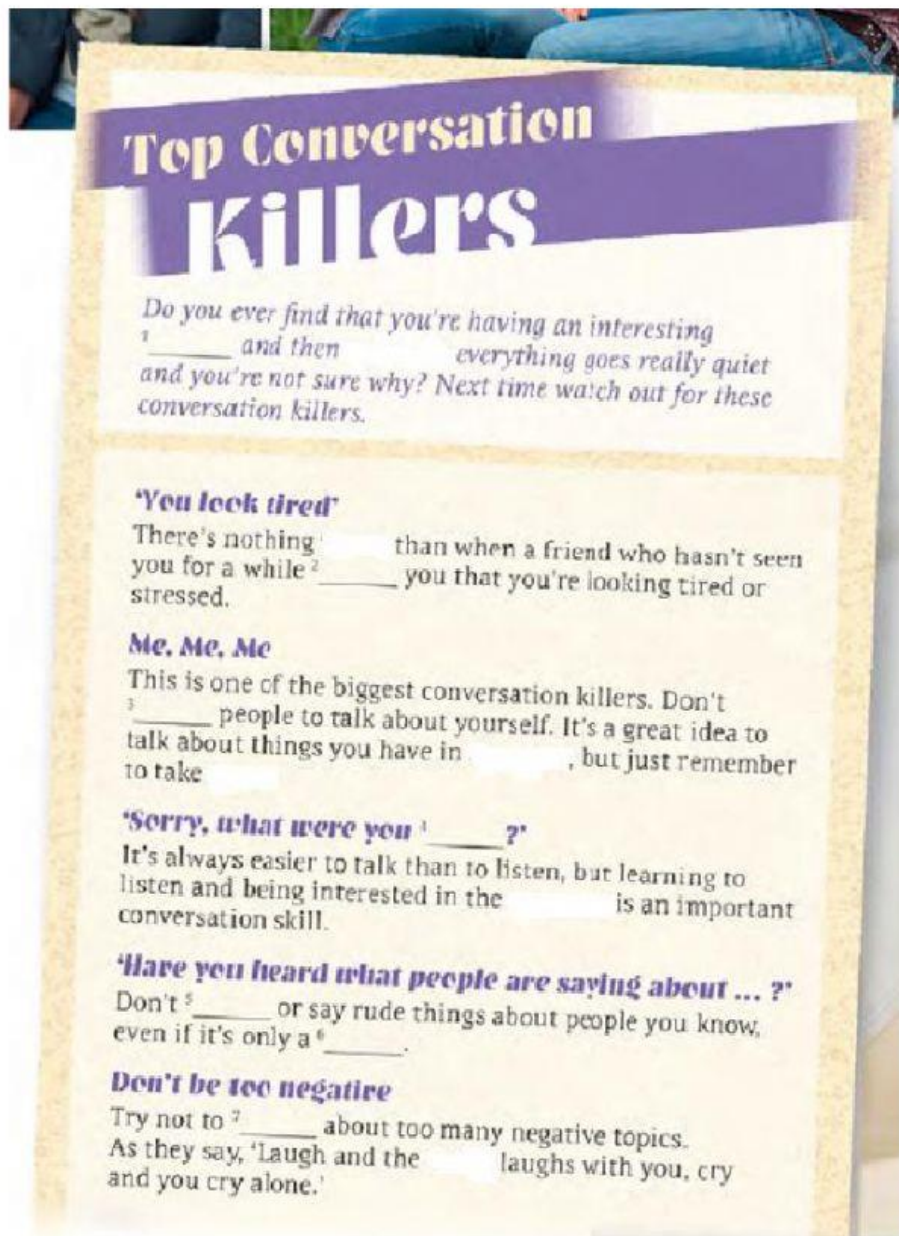
SUDDENLY

WORLD

WORSE

TURNS

COMMON



Top Conversation Killers

Do you ever find that you're having an interesting ¹ _____ and then _____ everything goes really quiet and you're not sure why? Next time watch out for these conversation killers.

'You look tired'
There's nothing _____ than when a friend who hasn't seen you for a while ² _____ you that you're looking tired or stressed.

Me, Me, Me
This is one of the biggest conversation killers. Don't ³ _____ people to talk about yourself. It's a great idea to talk about things you have in _____, but just remember to take _____.

'Sorry, what were you ⁴ _____?'
It's always easier to talk than to listen, but learning to listen and being interested in the _____ is an important conversation skill.

'Have you heard what people are saying about ...?'
Don't ⁵ _____ or say rude things about people you know, even if it's only a ⁶ _____.

Don't be too negative
Try not to ⁷ _____ about too many negative topics. As they say, 'Laugh and the _____ laughs with you, cry and you cry alone.'