



Online School of English



UNIT 5- PART 4

(source: *Speak Out Starter*)

TALKING ABOUT PROBLEMS



- 1** Work in pairs and discuss. When you have a problem, do you:
 - talk to family or friends about it?
 - phone or email a lot of people?
 - look on the internet for advice?
 - think about it alone?
- 2** Read the text. Match the answers below with the problems.
 - a) How about bikes? Try a cycling holiday.
 - b) It's important to sit down and talk.
 - c) Change your job!
- 3 A** Put the words in the correct order to make questions about the three people.
 - 1 a) Jon / breakfast / Does / have?
Does Jon have breakfast?
b) evenings / go / in / Does / he / out / the?
 - 2 a) buy / the / Layla / food / Does?
b) her / home / husband / What / at / does / do?
 - 3 a) there / planes / Is / problem / a / with?
b) does / on / holiday / Rob / When / go?

QUICK ANSWERS

Tell us your problem
and get a quick answer

Jon's problem

My problem is I'm always tired. I work in a café from seven in the morning to six in the evening. I drink a lot of coffee at work because I'm tired. I never have breakfast but I usually have a sandwich and a cake for lunch. I don't often go out in the evenings because I'm tired.

Layla's problem

My husband does nothing in the house. I often get home after work and there isn't any food in the flat so I always buy food and cook. He says he isn't hungry and he doesn't want a big dinner. He wants to sit down and he watches TV all evening. I think it's important to have dinner together and talk.

Rob's problem

There are a lot of beautiful places in the world but I never see them. My problem is I don't like travelling by plane, train, boat or car so I never go on holiday.

B Match answers 1–6 with questions 1a)–3b) above.

- 1 No, not often. *1b*
- 2 Yes, she does.
- 3 Yes, there is.
- 4 No, he doesn't, but he has lunch.
- 5 Nothing.
- 6 He doesn't. He always stays at home.