

## 9.3.1 FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

### MAKING GENERALIZATIONS; CONTRASTING INFORMATION

A Complete the conversation with the correct expressions. Then listen and check.

generally    generally speaking    on average    on the whole    tend to

- A The check, please.
- B Thank you again for inviting me to lunch and for such a wonderful meal.
- A My pleasure. I'm glad you enjoyed it. We are really looking forward to having you as part of our company.
- B And I'm really happy to be joining your team.
- A Any other questions about the job before you start next week?
- B Uh, just a couple. For example, is there a dress code?
- A <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, no. You can dress pretty casually – unless we have a big meeting scheduled or something like that.
- B That's good to know. What about start times? Do most people <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ have a 9 to 5 schedule, or do some people start later or earlier?
- A <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, it's 9 to 5. But if there's a reason you need to work a different schedule, we can talk about it.
- B No, 9 to 5 works fine for me. I was just curious. What about lunch? How much time do people <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ take?
- A <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, we take about 45 minutes. Some people take a full hour and work a little later, though.
- B That all sounds great. Thank you again for this wonderful meal. Could I leave the tip at least?
- A Thank you, but there's no need. Please accept this as a warm "Welcome."



B Complete the expressions with the correct words.

differently    handled    how    nearly    that    way

- 1 Really? We didn't do \_\_\_\_\_ back home.
- 2 We did things \_\_\_\_\_ in my family.
- 3 We didn't do it that \_\_\_\_\_ in the morning.
- 4 That's not \_\_\_\_\_ we did it where I come from.
- 5 We \_\_\_\_\_ evening meals differently.
- 6 We definitely didn't eat together \_\_\_\_\_ as much as that.