

Functional language

Give and respond to news

1 Complete the conversation with responses a–f.

A: Allen! Hi!

B: 1 d

A: Good, thanks. I've just sold my house.

B: 2

A: I wanted to move somewhere quieter, with more green spaces.

B: 3

A: Why? I thought you liked living here.

B: I did! But we have new neighbours and they party all night, every night!

A: 4

B: Yes, I have. But they won't stop.

A: Oh no, sorry to hear that.

B: 5 We have some good news.

A: What?

B: Rebecca and I are having a baby!

A: 6

B: Thanks! We don't know yet!

a Lucky you! I'd love to move, too!

b Really? Congratulations! Boy or girl?

c That's fantastic news! Why did you sell?

d Hi, Stuart! How are things?

e That's awful! Have you spoken to them about it?

f Guess what!

2 Match sentences 1–8 with responses a–h.

1 I've lost my phone. I can't find it anywhere! 2 Did you hear about Pam and Kevin? They've sold their house. 3 Guess what! George asked me to marry him! 4 Have you heard about Hugo? He lost his job. 5 I got a cold last week and I had to stay in bed for two days. 6 Sorry, but I have to cancel our plans for tonight. I have to work late. 7 Did you hear that a new sushi restaurant has opened in our area? 8 We've booked our holiday! We're going to Malta for two weeks!

a Oh, that's fantastic news! When's the big day?

b Sounds amazing! You'll have a fantastic time!

c That's a shame. Are you free tomorrow night?

d Oh, no, sorry to hear that! Maybe you left it at home?

e That's great! We need more restaurants around here.

f That's awful! He was so happy working there.

g Really? That's a surprise! I thought they loved living in Cambridge.

h Oh, what a shame! How are you feeling now?

Listening

1 3.01 Listen to Jen and Angus discussing a holiday. Write Jen (J), Angus (A) or both (J/A).1 has been on holiday.2 likes skiing.3 has friends who like hot weather.4 likes being alone.5 likes talking to people.6 took lots of photos.

2 Listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 Angus is unhappy his holiday has ended. 2 He has been on a skiing holiday to Ben Nevis. 3 He spent a week there. 4 He liked the holiday because he could practise his skiing and be alone. 5 The ski centre is not cheap. 6 There are lots of places to eat. 7 There are wonderful views. 8 It is about four hours' drive from Edinburgh.

3a Choose the correct option, a or b.

1 Angus went to Fort William ...

a by plane. b by train.

2 Jen ...

a has been skiing before.

b has never been skiing before.

3 Jen is surprised that ...

a Angus went skiing. b Angus went alone.

4 Angus ...

a doesn't go skiing often. b goes skiing regularly.

5 At the end of the conversation ...

a Jen wants to go skiing for her next holiday.

b Jen doesn't want to go skiing for her next holiday.

3b Listen again and check.

