

Belinda Well, I [] to say it because it's [] a cliché, but it's my mother-in-law. She's a nice [], don't [] me [], and on the whole we get on well, but one thing she [] which I [] is really [] is that [] she comes for a [] she criticises my []. I'm [] a professional, obviously, but I think I'm a pretty good [] and it really annoys me, especially after I've [] [] making something really nice.

Damien Well, he lives in London and he likes [] up to stay [] time to time, [] is great. But he's just [] me saying he's coming [] month and he's [] his new []. I [] he's just got this dog and he's very keen [] it, and [] like leaving it [] but it's still a puppy and my [] and I aren't very [] dogs. Also we've just [] our house, and we've [] a lot of work on the [], and I'm pretty sure the dog's going to [] them both.

Miranda Hi there. My problem's with my nephew, my sister's []. He's [] years old and his parents [] give him any []. So he's really [], and whenever they come to [] house he just [] all the time, [] on the furniture, makes a [] in the kitchen. He even [] on the walls! It's really [], but my sister's very [] about me criticizing her son, so generally I don't say anything. But I've [] the point where I'd almost [] it if they didn't come round.

PHRASES FROM LISTENING TO USE IN SPEAKING. MATCH THE PHRASES ON THE LEFT WITH THEIR MEANINGS ON THE RIGHT.

I hate to say it

it's a delicate subject

don't get me wrong

very

on the whole

I don't want to say this

pretty + adj

to like something (x2)

be keen on

in general

be into

in general

to be very sensitive about something

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Advice for Belinda

- 1 I think you ought to be the one _____.
- 2 You shouldn't _____, because she won't change her opinion.

Advice for Damien

- 3 I think you should politely but directly _____.
- 4 To be honest, you don't really have to _____.

Advice for Miranda

- 5 You must _____ before their next visit.
- 6 Explain that he has to _____ a bit when he's visiting.
- 7 'You mustn't _____,