



## GRAMMAR Linking verbs

3 Complete the chat room messages with the pairs of words. Put the linking verbs in the correct form.

1 feel / guilty sound / fed up be / upset

A: Sorry I was rude to you earlier.  
B: No problem. You ..... really ..... How come?  
A: I had a row with my mum. To be honest, I said some horrible things and now I .....  
B: You both must ..... but I'm sure you'll make it up soon.

2 feel / embarrassed seem / down be / pleased

A: How's it going?  
B: Not great.  
A: Any news?  
B: Not really.  
A: You ..... a bit ..... What's up?  
B: I saw my ex-girlfriend yesterday. I ..... really ..... to see her, but she didn't want to speak to me. She was with her new boyfriend.  
A: Maybe she ..... because he was there.

3 sound / relaxed feel / disappointed look / stress

A: Are you OK? You ..... a bit ..... when I saw you yesterday.  
B: I'm OK, thanks, but I didn't get onto the course I wanted to do. I ..... yesterday but I'm OK now.  
A: Good, you ..... a lot more ..... now – more like your old self.

## DEVELOPING CONVERSATIONS

### Response expressions

4 Match the news (1-6) with the responses (a-f).

1 My laptop has been stolen.....  
2 I've just passed my driving test.....  
3 I'm afraid I can't come to your party.....  
4 My sister's getting married.....  
5 My dad has just lost his job.....  
6 My grandmother is coming out of hospital tomorrow.....

a Really? Congratulations! You can give me a lift to work!  
b Wow! That's great. When is the wedding?  
c Oh, no! I'm sorry. I'm sure he'll find a new one soon.  
d Oh, no, what a pain! Have you lost all your work?  
e Phew, that's a relief. I know how worried you were.  
f Oh, what a shame! I'll send you some photos.

## LISTENING

5 2.1 You are going to hear three people talking about the same event. Listen first to Mark. What event is he talking about?

a a wedding    b meeting his girlfriend's parents for the first time

6 2.1 Listen to Mark again, and then to Mrs deVere and Annie. Are these statements true or false?

1 Before the dinner, Mark felt nervous.  
2 He was wearing clothes that were too formal.  
3 He felt he wasn't very good at making conversation.  
4 Annie's parents already knew a lot about him.  
5 Annie's parents hadn't liked her previous boyfriends.  
6 Annie had forgotten to warn Mark about clothes.  
7 She didn't mind that he told some jokes.  
8 She was pleased that Mark had met her parents.

## PRONUNCIATION Stress

7 2.2 Underline the main stresses. Listen and check.

1 I'm not normally a nervous person, so I felt pretty relaxed about the whole thing.  
2 I was wearing jeans and a shirt, but the restaurant was a really elegant place.  
3 I was really fed up with Annie that she hadn't warned me it was a formal dinner.  
4 To be honest, we hadn't been very keen on most of her boyfriends, so my husband and I were rather worried about the dinner.

8 Listen again. Practise saying the sentences.