

Functional language

Ask for clarification

1 Choose the correct alternatives.

- 1 A: When you arrive, call me.
B: OK, *get/got* it! I should be there around nine o'clock.
- 2 A: Follow the road, turn left and then turn right. OK?
B: *Can/Do* you say that again, please?
- 3 A: We're thinking of going to a 'Bring and Buy' sale in Camden tomorrow.
B: Hmmm. *What's/How's* a 'Bring and Buy' sale?
- 4 A: Sally's in a funny mood today.
B: Really? I'm not sure what you *are meaning/mean*.
- 5 A: We can't get the 7.40 p.m. train because we don't arrive until 8.15 p.m.
B: Oh, I *saw/see*. Is there a bus we could get?
- 6 A: I don't think this plan is going to work.
B: What do you *say/mean* exactly?
- 7 A: I've decided to leave my job and travel around the world.
B: *I don't/I'm* not understand. Did you say you're going to leave your job?

2 Complete each conversation with the phrases in the boxes.

I'm not sure what you mean. I see. What's a sleeper?
What was that last part again?

A: So, you've got two options. You can take the sleeper or the Eurotrain and then local trains.

B: ¹ _____

A: Well, a sleeper is a night train with beds to sleep in. It can take you straight to where you want to go. I'm sure you don't want to chop and change.

B: ² _____

A: Chop and change? Get off one train and get on another train.

B: ³ _____

A: If you take the Eurotrain, you will need to take two or three more local trains to get to the town you want to go to. If you take the sleeper, you will go straight there.

B: ⁴ _____

Can you say that again? I still don't understand. Oh, got it!
What do you mean exactly?

A: Put the blue files on the left, with the red files and the green files. Oh, and don't forget to note down what, where and when.

B: ⁵ _____

A: You have to write down the name of each file, where you put it on the shelves, and the dates of the information in the file.

B: ⁶ _____

A: Sure. Write down the name of each file. Write down where you put the file on the shelves. Then write down the dates of the information in each file.

B: ⁷ _____

A: What don't you understand? OK. Let's start with the names of the files. Write these down.

B: ⁸ _____

A: Great!

Listening

1 10.01 Listen to a radio programme. What's it about?

- a Listening to lots of problems
- b Finding an answer to one person's problem
- c Talking about local problems

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

- 1 The presenter thinks the dilemma is very common. _____
- 2 Marsha wants to use some money for her house. _____
- 3 Marsha doesn't know who to give the rest of the money to. _____
- 4 There aren't many people in Marsha's family. _____
- 5 Marsha wants her family to have lots of money. _____
- 6 The emails suggest giving money to charities. _____
- 7 Marsha thinks the second caller's idea is bad. _____
- 8 The presenter feels the problem is solved. _____

3a Choose the correct option a, b or c.

- 1 Marsha has _____ a lot of money.
a saved b won c found
- 2 Marsha's family have _____ ideas.
a no b a few c lots of
- 3 The first caller thinks the solution is _____.
a simple b complicated c difficult
- 4 Marsha is worried her family would become too _____ money.
a sad with b bored with c interested in
- 5 The second caller thinks Marsha should help _____ charities.
a animal b local c big
- 6 Marsha doesn't want to help _____.
a birds b her local area c charities
- 7 Marsha has _____ in her local area all her life.
a worked b lived c had fun
- 8 The presenter _____ to know what Marsha will do.
a doesn't want b wants c doesn't care

b Listen again and check.