How to ...

talk about things that annoy you

2 A 2.05 | Listen to people talking about their pet hates. Match the conversations (1–3) with the things that annoy them (a–e). There are two extra options.

Conversation 1 _____
Conversation 2 _____
Conversation 3 _____

a public transport
b very noisy people
c people who talk about other people
d flatmates
e people who use their phones all the time

B 2.05 | Listen again. Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

1 You know what really _____ me?
2 Yeah, it's so _____!
3 My flatmate is _____ leaving his dirty dishes in the sink.
4 It really _____ on my nerves.
5 He's so lazy and it really _____ me!
6 That would really _____ me, too.
7 It _____ me mad when I get on the train in the morning and there are no seats.
8 I can't _____ it when I'm waiting at the bus stop and there are so many people.

PRONUNCIATION

3 A 2.06 | stress and intonation to show annoyance | Listen and choose the word in each sentence with the most stress.

1 It annoys me when people drop litter.
2 I can't bear it when people play loud music.
3 It gets on my nerves when people are always late.
4 I can't stand it when people disagree with me.
5 It bugs me when people jump the queue.
6 My husband is always losing his house keys.

B 2.06 | Listen again and repeat.

SPEAKING

4 A 2.07 | Complete the conversation with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

bear	bugs	checking	crazy
forever	it	nerves	so

A: I can't [1] _____ it when I'm with a friend and they keep looking at their phone.
B: Yes, it really [2] _____ me, too. Last night I was in a restaurant with a friend, and she was constantly [3] _____ her messages.
A: That's [4] _____ annoying! And it drives me [5] _____ when people take photos of their food and put them on social media while you're having dinner!
B: Yes, my friend does that, too. She's [6] _____ posting photos, then checking to see if anyone has made a comment. It really gets on my [7] _____!
A: Totally. I can't stand [8] _____, either. When I'm with a friend I want to talk to them, not sit and watch them on their phone!

B 2.08 | You are B in Ex 4A. Listen and speak after the beep. Record the conversation if you can.

C Listen to your recording and compare it to Ex 4A.

LIVEWORKSHEETS