

# 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.

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forever it nerves so

A: I can't <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it when I'm with a friend and they keep looking at their phone.

B: Yes, it really <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ me, too. Last night I was in a restaurant with a friend, and she was constantly <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ her messages.

A: That's <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ annoying! And it drives me <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ 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 <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ posting photos, then checking to see if anyone has made a comment. It really gets on my <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_!

A: Totally. I can't stand <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, 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.