

Keeping a conversation going

REAL WORLD 1.1

1 a Choose the best response.

- 1 We'd like to do something more creative than yoga.
 - a What's it like?
 - b What sort of writing?
 - c Like what, exactly?
- 2 I can't stand exams.
 - a Why's that?
 - b Such as?
 - c Don't you?
- 3 I'm doing a jewellery-making class at the moment.
 - a How do you mean?
 - b How's it going?
 - c Like what, exactly?
- 4 Richard wants to learn Chinese.
 - a In what way?
 - b How's it going?
 - c Does he?

b Match conversations 1–4 in **1a** to the next lines a–d.

- a **4** Yes, he needs it for work.
- b ___ Bad memories from school, really.
- c ___ We're not sure. Maybe carpentry.
- d ___ Really well. I love it.

2 Complete conversations 1–5 with the correct question word and preposition.

Who What How long Who Where

with from for about to

- 1
SAM Clare is starting her own business.
DAN Really? Who with ?
SAM It's just her at the moment.
- 2
PAUL Alex has written a screenplay.
KATE No way! _____ ?
PAUL It's a thriller, I think. But I don't know the story or anything.

- 3
ROB We've got to give in our application forms soon.
AMY _____ ? Do you know?
ROB I think you can just leave them with the secretary.

- 4
TIM I got this camera for less than half price.
CHRIS Did you? _____ ?
TIM On a website my brother told me about.

- 5
SARA Our teacher's going away next week.
LUIS _____ ?
SARA Almost a fortnight, I think.

3 Fill in the gaps in the conversation. Use between one and three words.

- JIM Clare! Hi!
CLARE Jim! What a coincidence. I was thinking about you recently.
JIM ¹ Were you? Why ² _____ that?
CLARE I was wondering if you're still doing that jewellery class.
JIM No, I gave that up a few months ago.
CLARE ³ _____ come?
JIM Well, we moved house in March, so it's a bit far.
CLARE Really? ⁴ _____ to?
JIM Near here, actually. On Shelford Street. Anyway, ⁵ _____ going? Are you still teaching?
CLARE Yes, but not for much longer, thankfully.
JIM What ⁶ _____ mean?
CLARE Well, I'm starting my own training business.
JIM ⁷ _____ of training?
CLARE Presentations, mainly.
JIM You've always been good at that kind of thing, ⁸ _____ ? I guess teaching helps.
CLARE Absolutely. Anyway, enough about me. What's Shelford Street ⁹ _____ ?
JIM Great. It's a much bigger place than our old one. Of course, life is a little different these days.
CLARE Different? In ¹⁰ _____ ?
JIM Well, since we had the baby ...
CLARE A baby? Congratulations! I had no idea!