38/ Ways of speaking

Words you need... 38.1

- **to argue** to speak in an angry way with someone, saying that you do not agree with them
- **an argument** when people speak to each other in an angry way because they do not agree about something
- **a chat** an informal conversation, usually between friends
- **to chat** to talk with someone in an informal way
- **to complain** to say that you are not happy about something or that something is wrong
- **to discuss something** to talk about a subject with someone, giving your opinions
- **a discussion** a serious conversation about a subject in which you give your opinions
- **a joke** a short story that you say to make someone laugh
- **a lie** something that you say that you know is not true
- **a promise** something that you tell someone you will certainly do
- **to promise (someone) something** to tell someone that you will certainly do something
- **to refuse** to say that you will not do or accept something
- **to shout** to say something in a loud voice
- **to suggest something (to someone)** to give someone an idea about what they could do
- **a suggestion** an idea of something that someone could do

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences.

1 I had a nice ___chat___ with Annie at the party, all about her new boyfriend.
2 Ali told me he makes $80,000 a year and it's not true. It was a _____!
3 We had a useful _____ in the meeting today and decided a lot of important things.
4 Emma and Paul had an _____ because Emma said Paul was being stupid and Paul got very angry.
5 That was a very funny _____ about the elephant and the bucket. It made me really laugh!
6 I know I told you I would take you swimming, Molly. I won't forget my _____ .

Exercise 2

Match the first part of each sentence (1–6) with the second (a–f).

1 I suggest that we
2 'Watch out!'
3 Have you discussed
4 I promise to email you
5 They are always arguing
6 We were just

a the problem with Janet?
b meet here at three o'clock.
c every day while you're away.
d about money.
e he shouted.
f chatting.

Exercise 3 38.2

Use the words from the box to complete the email. Make sure you use the correct form of the words. Listen and check.

refuse suggestions chat ~~complain~~ argument promise

Hi Mia,
Hope you're okay. Just wanted to say hi.

Hey, guess what? I saw Josh Lewis in town yesterday. He [1] *complained* that he never sees you anymore. He's always liked you! Poor Josh – he was a bit sad. He had a big [2] _____ with his girlfriend two weeks ago and now she [3] _____ to see him!

I felt sorry for him so I [4] _____ to arrange a night out together. (I *must* remember!!!)

Call me at the weekend and we'll have a [5] _____ .

Love, Amy xxx

P.S. It's Mum's birthday next week. Any [6] _____ for a present? I have absolutely no ideas!

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