

Everyday English

Saying just the right thing!

1 Complete the questions and the adjectives in the conversations.

- 1 A So, you've met the 'love of your life'! Tell me about her. What's *she like*?
 B *Fabulous!* She's really good- *looking*, and she's always smiling and cheer _____. You'll like her.
 A *I'm sure I will.*

- 2 A *Wow!* Is that your car? It looks _____-new!
 B It's new all right, but it's not mine.
 A _____ is it then?
 B My dad's.
 A *That's a shame.*

- 3 A I'm so w _____ about my son. He's always looking at a screen.
 B *I know* – it's a common problem these days. _____ else does he like doing?
 A Not a lot! He needs some digital detox!
 B *That's a great idea!* _____ don't you take the family on a digital-free holiday?

- 4 A They say I'm the image of my mum. _____ do you look _____ in your family?
 B I'm a mixture – I've got my mum's very _____ red hair. I spend hours each day trying to straighten it. But I'm _____ like my dad, 1 metre 80.
 A *Lucky you!* I hate being so short.

2 Write a response to the lines below using the expressions in *italics* from the conversations in exercise 2.

- 1 'I've won £1,000 on the lottery!'
'Wow! Lucky you!' _____
 2 'I know you'll really enjoy the film.'
 ' _____ ,
 3 'Why don't we take a picnic to the beach?'
 ' _____ ,
 4 'Sports day was cancelled because of the weather.'
 ' _____ ,
 5 'Have you heard? Max and Fiona are getting divorced.'
 ' _____ ,

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REVIEW

1 Rosa Volpe is an Italian housewife. Read her answers and complete the questions about her kitchen.



'My kitchen is my life'

Q1: *How much* is your house worth?

About €70,000. It's not a *modern* house – it's a 100-year-old farmhouse.

Q2: _____'s your kitchen like?

It's not very big for a farmhouse kitchen, but it's big enough for me. And it's quite ² _____ because there's only one small window. But it's my special part of the house.

Q3: _____ big is it exactly?

Just 12m². My daughter has just moved to a ³ _____ apartment in the city centre and her kitchen's much bigger than mine. It's beautiful, but I prefer mine.

Q4: _____ time do you spend in your kitchen?

About four hours a day. But I go in and out to my kitchen garden – it's just outside – picking herbs and getting ⁴ _____ fruit and vegetables for my cooking.

Q5: _____ often do you eat together as a family?

At least twice a day – with my husband and two sons. They all work on the farm so they're always hungry. They have ⁵ _____ appetites! Eating together is very important to me. My family is everything – I want grandchildren now!

Q6: _____ recipes do you follow?

Nobody's – I don't have any cookbooks. I just cook like my mother and grandmother did before me. My cupboards are full of jars of ⁶ _____ jams and sauces. Everyone says they are ⁷ _____.

Q7: _____ helps you in the kitchen?

Nobody. My sons can cook but they're usually too ⁸ _____ to help me, and my husband can't cook at all.

Q8: _____ else would you like to have in your kitchen?

Nothing really! I'm very ⁹ _____ with my kitchen and my life. But perhaps a dishwasher would be good. My husband and sons are always too ¹⁰ _____ to help with the washing-up at the end of the day.

2 Complete the gaps 1–10 in Rosa's answers with the correct adjective from 1–10 below.

1 <i>modern</i>	old-fashioned	up-to-date
2 light	dark	useless
3 brand-new	fresh	tiny
4 new	mature	fresh
5 delicious	huge	tiny
6 second-hand	homesick	home-made
7 delicious	charming	stunning
8 hard-working	busy	overwhelmed
9 disappointed	satisfied	thrilled
10 exhausting	relaxed	exhausted

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