

SPEAKING

- 1 Look at the photos below and match them to the things the teenagers are worried about.

I think it's broken.

I failed my exam.

They haven't picked me for the team.

My parents don't understand me.



- 2 Work in pairs. Take turns to be the teenager asking a question about one of the problems in Exercise 1 and the person giving advice. Use the ideas in the *Teen Health* website and the phrases in the box to help you.

How about ... Why don't you ...
Why not ... You should ...

I failed my exam. What can I do?

You should ask the teacher what you need to work on. You're always listening to music. Maybe you should spend more time studying.

AGREEING AND DISAGREEING

 **1** Listen to a conversation about playing a musical instrument. What do the people agree about?

- 1 It's important to practise.
- 2 It's very difficult.
- 3 Lessons are always very expensive.

KEY LANGUAGE AND IDEAS FOR AGREEING AND DISAGREEING

Agreeing:

Yes, I agree with you.
I agree with you that ...
Exactly!
That's true.

Disagreeing:

I'm not sure about that. I think ...
I don't know. I think ...
Yes, but ...

 **2** Complete part of the conversation with the phrases in the box. Listen again and check.

agree with you not sure about that's true
yes, but

A: I think it's very difficult to learn an instrument.

B: I'm ¹ _____ that. The guitar isn't very difficult, but it's important to practise every day.

A: ² _____. I ³ _____ that it's important to practise so that you can get better.
I think that lessons are very expensive, too.

B: ⁴ _____ you can watch lessons online and teach yourself.



Giving advice on a forum

1 Read the student's problem on an online forum. Are the sentences below right (✓) or wrong (X)?

- 1 He is worried all the time at school.
- 2 He is lazy.
- 3 He finds it difficult to sleep before an exam.
- 4 He worries about sleeping too much.
- 5 He would like some advice.



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2 Read the responses to the forum post in Exercise 1. Decide if the advice is good or bad.

A



You shouldn't spend all your time studying.

You should take lots of breaks.

B



You should study more. Then you

won't forget anything and you won't worry.

C



How about doing some exercise? This will help you sleep at night. And why don't you study with your friends? It's more fun and they can help you feel more confident.

3 Write a response to the forum post in Exercise 1. Include three pieces of advice. Write 30–50 words.



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