



17 Asking for clarification and checking understanding

Asking for clarification

Sorry, can you say that again?
Can you repeat that, please?
Could you explain, please?
What do you mean?

Checking understanding

Did you understand that?
Did you get that?
Are you following me?

1 Put the dialogue in the correct order.



- ☒ 1 Hey, Hannah! I need to phone Robbie. It's urgent. What's his number?
- ☐ 2 Um, yes ..., but there isn't a black notebook in your bag.
- ☐ 3 Sure I can! It's 17661000352.
- ☐ 4 Well, if you can't find my notebook, call Steve on 17661000352. He knows Robbie's number.
- ☐ 5 Can you repeat Steve's number, please? I heard only the 176.
- ☐ 6 Hi! I don't have his number with me. You can find it in my black notebook - it's in my bag. Did you get that?
- ☒ 7 Thanks. I'll speak to you later.

2 Match 1-5 to a-e.

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| 1 ☒ d | Could | a following me? |
| 2 ☐ | Are you | b you mean? |
| 3 ☐ | What do | c explain, please? |
| 4 ☐ | Sorry, can you say | d you repeat that, please? |
| 5 ☐ | Can you | e that again? |

3 Read the dialogues and circle the correct answer.

- 1 A: What time is the last bus home?
B: I think it leaves at 10.25.
A: _____
a Are you following me?
b Did you get that?
c Can you repeat the time, please?
- 2 A: I can't find my keys!
B: Use your phone to find them. Click on this icon and press 'Find'. Your keyring will start ringing.
A: _____
a Did you get that?
b Sorry, can you say that again?
c Did you understand that?
- 3 A: How can I check my grammar on the computer?
B: It's easy! Use the F7 key on your keyboard. _____
a Did you understand that?
b I'm not sure I understand.
c Sorry, can you say that again?
- 4 A: Ask Dave to go with you to buy your new laptop.
B: _____ Don't you think I can buy a laptop on my own?
a Are you following me?
b What do you mean?
c Did you get that?
A: No, sorry! You don't know anything about laptops, but Dave knows a lot!

4 Complete the dialogues with the phrases in the box.

are you can you say did you get
do you mean explain

- 1 A: Press the red button, then press the blue button twice. But don't press the black one. Did you get that?
B: No, sorry. ² _____ that again, please?
- 2 A: This isn't a simple job and the instructions are difficult. ³ _____ following me?
B: Not very well. Can you ⁴ _____, please?
- 3 A: Only older people can do this job.
B: What ⁵ _____? Why can't I do it?
A: Because you have to drive a car to do the job - and you're too young to drive.

Extra Online Practice

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