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## SPEAKING • Exchanging news

I can request and respond to personal news.

**THINK!** Imagine that you haven't been in contact with a friend for a month. What do you talk about?

- Daisy Oh, hey, Neil!  
 Neil Oh, hi, Daisy. I haven't seen you for ages.  
 Daisy I know. I've been <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Neil Really? What have you been up to?  
 Daisy I've just got back from an <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in Zambia.  
 Neil Wow! Was it good?  
 Daisy It was amazing! I've done a lot over the last few weeks. I went <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on the Zambezi River and I saw the Victoria Falls.  
 Neil That sounds great. Did you take many <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?  
 Daisy Yes, I've already posted <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. I What about you? Have you been doing anything special?  
 Neil Not really. I've been studying <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. We've got exams all week.  
 Daisy Oh. Good luck with that.  
 Neil Thanks. Bye, Daisy. It was good to see you again.



- 1 1.28 Complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box. Then watch or listen and check. Where has Daisy just been? What has Neil got all week?

adventure holiday away every day  
 hundreds kayaking photos

- 2 1.28 Study the key phrases. Cover the dialogue and try to remember who says the phrases, Daisy (D) or Neil (N). Watch or listen again and check.

### KEY PHRASES

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- 1 I haven't seen you for ages.
- 2 What have you been up to?
- 3 Have you been doing anything special?
- 4 We've got exams all week.
- 5 Good luck with that.
- 6 It was good to see you again.

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- 3 Work in pairs. Practise the dialogue.

- 4 Work in pairs. Match the phrases. Then ask and answer the two questions with your partner.

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| 1 What have you       | a anything special? |
| 2 I haven't seen you  | b been up to?       |
| 3 I've been studying  | c to see you again. |
| 4 Have you been doing | d for ages.         |
| 5 It was good         | e all week.         |

- 5 USE IT! Work in pairs. Read the situation. Prepare and practise a new dialogue. Use the key phrases and the dialogue in exercise 1 to help you.

Student A: You meet a cousin who you haven't seen for a few months. Ask him / her what they've been up to. You've got exams next week, so you've been busy, too.

Student B: You've just finished a summer job in an adventure centre. Tell Student A about it. Ask him / her what they've been up to.



Exams in progress

