

Complete the text using the following words

JOKE

GOSSIP

SAYING

CONVERSATION

TALK

INTERRUPT

TELLS

RESPONSE

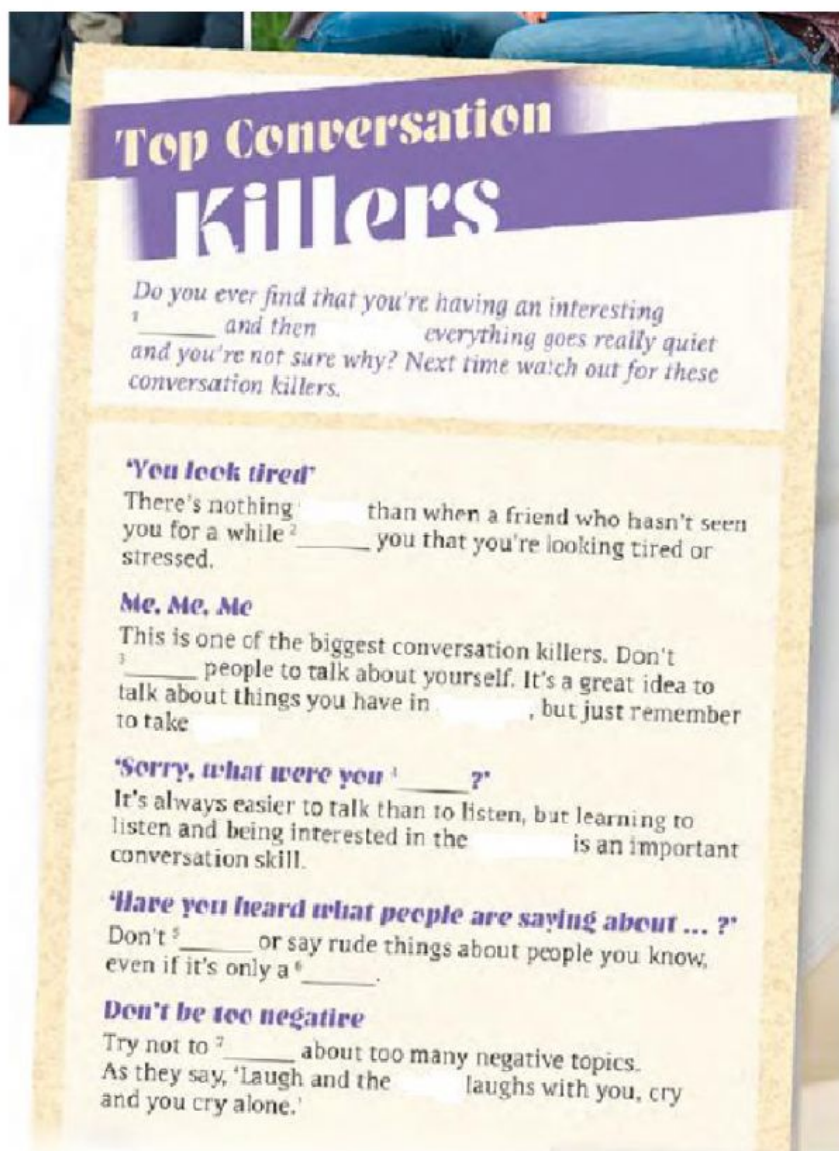
SUDDENLY

WORLD

WORSE

TURNS

COMMON



**Top Conversation Killers**

*Do you ever find that you're having an interesting <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and then \_\_\_\_\_ everything goes really quiet and you're not sure why? Next time watch out for these conversation killers.*

**'You look tired'**  
There's nothing <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ than when a friend who hasn't seen you for a while <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ you that you're looking tired or stressed.

**Me, Me, Me**  
This is one of the biggest conversation killers. Don't <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ people to talk about yourself. It's a great idea to talk about things you have in \_\_\_\_\_, but just remember to take \_\_\_\_\_.

**'Sorry, what were you <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_?'**  
It's always easier to talk than to listen, but learning to listen and being interested in the \_\_\_\_\_ is an important conversation skill.

**'Have you heard what people are saying about ...?'**  
Don't <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ or say rude things about people you know, even if it's only a <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.

**Don't be too negative**  
Try not to <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ about too many negative topics. As they say, 'Laugh and the \_\_\_\_\_ laughs with you, cry and you cry alone.'