Reading & Listening

a. Read and listen to an extract from *Sally's Phone*. Answer the questions:

CHARACTERS:
- **Sally**, a young woman
- **Claire**, Sally's friend from work
- **Andrew**, Sally's boyfriend
- **Paul**, a young man
- **Katharine**, Paul's sister

Sally's Phone

Lunchtime

It is one o'clock. Sally and Claire are looking at skirts.

"Do you like this one, Sally?" Claire says.

"Yes, it's beautiful, but I never wear red."

"Do you like red?" Claire asks.

"Yes, I do – but Andrew doesn't."

"Well," Claire says, "it's a beautiful skirt. You like red. What do you want to do?"

Sally buys the skirt.

Claire goes back to work, but Sally wants a coffee. She goes into a cafe. She buys a coffee and sits down. Then she calls her mother.

"Hi, Mom. I have a new skirt – it's beautiful. I want to wear it tonight."

"What color is it?"

"It's red."

"That's nice. Red is a good color for you," says her mother.

Next to Sally, Paul is finishing his coffee. He calls his friend and talks to him. Then he stands up. The bag with the red skirt falls on the floor.

"Oh! I'm sorry," Paul says. "That's OK," Sally says. He puts down his phone and picks up the bag. "Here's your bag."

"Thank you." She smiles.

"What a nice smile!" Paul thinks.

Paul picks up his phone and goes out of the cafe. Sally finishes her coffee. She picks up her bag and her phone, and goes back to work.

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Now, answer the questions:

1. **Where are Claire and Sally?**
2. **Why doesn't Sally buy the skirt immediately?**
3. **What do they do when they finish shopping?**
4. **Why does she call her mother?**
5. **What is Paul doing when Sally is talking to her mother?**
6. **What happens when he stands up?**
7. **Do they go out of the café together?**

b. Read and listen to the next extract part of the story and answer the question below:

- Why are Paul and Sally having problems?

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Afternoon

Paul is in his office.

A phone rings.

"What's that noise?" Paul thinks.

He answers the phone. It is Andrew.

"Hello, Sally?"

"It isn't Sally, it's Paul."

"Paul? Paul who? Where's Sally?"

"Who's Sally? There's no Sally here."

"Huh!"

Andrew finishes the call.

Paul wants to call his mother. He finds "Mom" on the phone, and presses the button.

"Hello, Mom. It's Paul."

"Paul? Who's Paul? I'm not Paul's mom. I'm Sally's mom."

"What's happening?" Paul thinks.

"What number is that?" he asks.

"It's 0783 491839."

"I'm very sorry," Paul says. "It's the wrong number."

"That's OK," Sally's mom says. "What a nice voice!" she thinks.

Sally is at work.

Ring ring!

She answers the phone.

"Hello, is Paul there?"

"No, I'm sorry, this is..."

"Can you give a message to him? This is his sister Katharine. There's a party at my house tonight. It's my birthday."

"But I..."

"Eight o'clock – OK. Bye."

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