

1 Choose the correct word or *it* in *italics*.

- 0 'When's your birthday?' '*Is* / (*It's*) on 30 May.'
- 1 Look out of the window – snowing really heavily.
- 2 I'll do the dishes before we leave. take long.
- 3 Mum gave me a scarf for my birthday. I all the time.
- 4 Have you seen the new building in the town centre? really ugly.
- 5 We can go walking on the hill – much wind today.
- 6 Gerry doesn't like being a shop assistant. boring.
- 7 Paul is really happy these days – nice to see that.
- 8 How far to the station?

2 Match the two parts of the sentences.

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| 0 Hello. It's really nice | → A to make new friends. |
| 1 The show isn't full so it isn't necessary | B to see the director now. |
| 2 When you move to a different town, it isn't easy | C to speak on a mobile phone. |
| 3 We're away next weekend. It will be a shame | D to see you again. |
| 4 I'm sorry but it isn't possible | E to book seats before we go. |
| 5 When you're driving in the UK, it's a crime | F to have an extra pen. |
| 6 In an exam, it's important | G to miss your party. |

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Read the story. Then complete it with *it* or *there*.

MY WORST JOURNEY EVER

A few years ago, I had to go to Stuttgart Airport to meet some friends.
(0) *It* usually only takes about half an hour as (1) 's only about 25 kilometres from my house to the airport, but this day was totally different. (2) was some heavy snow in the night, but that isn't usually a problem in Germany – (3) 's usually easy to drive in snow because they clear the roads very quickly. Anyway, I left home a bit early because of the snow, as (4) was quite deep. Soon

after I left, (5) suddenly started snowing again and the car in front of me stopped. Luckily, I didn't hit (6) but I saw that (7) was a really long queue of cars ahead. I sat in that queue for about two hours – (8) was really boring, but I finally found out what the problem was – (9) was an accident at the front of the queue. (10) was really late when I finally got to the airport, and then I found out that my friends' plane had gone to Frankfurt because of the snow!