ACTIVITY 2. READING & LISTENING: BEN & LILY PLANS

Ben and Lily are old friends from university.

1) **Read their Facebook messages and number them in order.**

Lily Varnell

[ ] Great. I'm going to book my tickets tomorrow, and then I can let you know my flight times.

Ben West

[ ] OK. Why don't you phone me nearer the time, at the end of April? Then we can fix a day and a time to meet. I know a great restaurant...

Lily Varnell

[1] Hi Ben! No news from you for ages. How are things? Are you still working at Budapest University? I have a conference there next month and I thought perhaps we could meet. I'd love to see you again! Lily.

Ben West

[ ] It depends on the day. I'm going to Vienna one day that week, but it's not very far – I'm coming back the same day. I'm sure we can find a time that's good for both of us.

Lily Varnell

[ ] It's from 3rd to 7th May, but I don't know my travel arrangements yet. What are you doing that week? Are you free any time?

Ben West

[ ] Lily! Great to hear from you. Yes, I'm still at the university here and it's going very well – Budapest is a wonderful city to live in. When exactly is the conference?

Lily Varnell

[ ] Fantastic. I can't wait!

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2) **Read the message again in the right order. Answer the questions:**
   1. Why does Lily get in touch with Ben?
   2. What are they planning to do?

3) **Match the highlighted words and phrases to their meaning.**
   1. _____for a long time
   2. _____definite plans for the future
   3. _____ I continue to be
   4. _____maybe
   5. _____ the two
   6. _____ to decide sth (e.g. a day/ date)

4) **Lily phones Ben and leaves him a message.** Listen and complete her flight details.

Thank you for booking with easyJet

YOUR RESERVATION NUMBER IS: **I5CS2L**

Going out: Flight EZY4587 **Date:** _____
Depart London Gatwick at 11.10.
Arrive Budapest at _____.

Going back: Flight EZY4588 **Date:** _____
Depart Budapest at _____.
Arrive London Gatwick at 18.10.

Hotel reservations:
Six nights at Hotel _____.

5) In pairs, underline five present continuous verbs in the Facebook messages. Which two are about now? What time period do the other three refer to?

6) Lily phones Ben when she arrives at the hotel. Listen to the conversation. What day do they arrange to meet?

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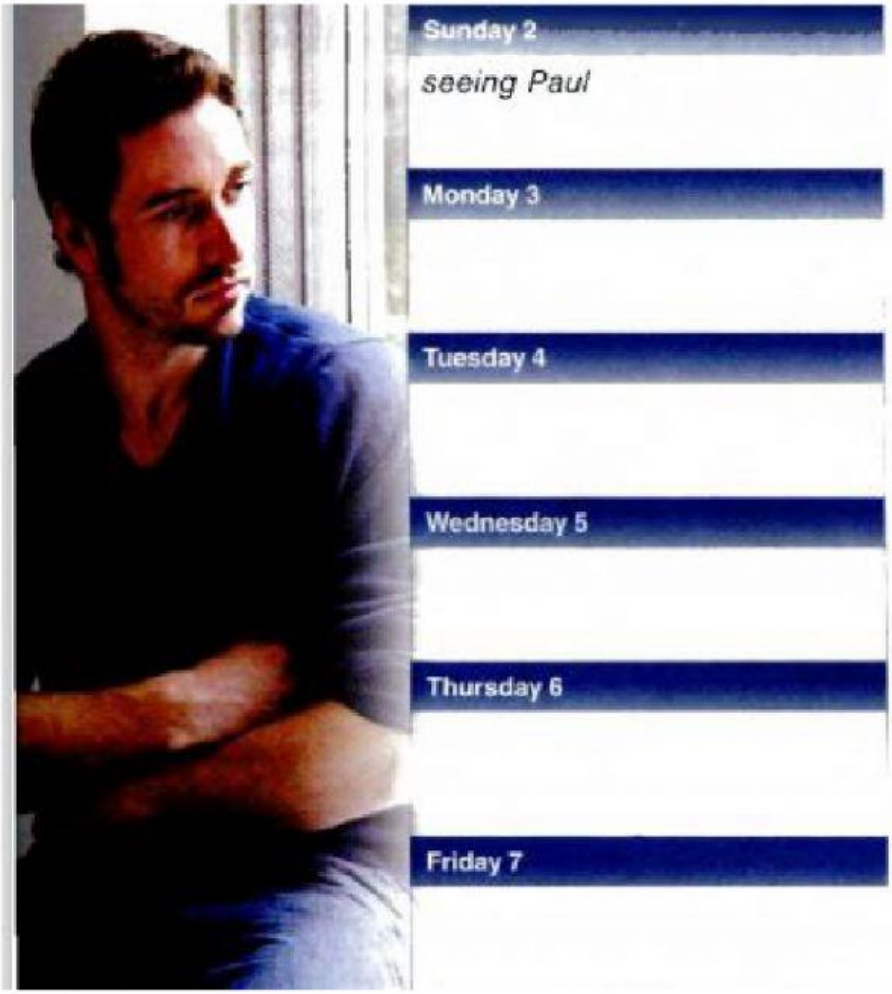
7) Complete Ben' diary for the week.



8) Listen. What happens when Ben and Lily meet?

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