

with them?



2 2.07 Listen to Anna talking about her friendship with Paulo and answer the questions.

- a What was Anna doing when she met Paulo?
- b Why did she return to Texas?
- c Where does Paulo live now?

3 Listen again and complete the extracts with a single word.

- a I have **actually** ... many years _____
- b **Come to think of it**, he was very _____
- c **Anyway**, it was the beginning of a great _____
- d **Do you know what I mean?** ... **In fact**, I thought we would be friends _____
- e **Basically**, we wrote to each other less and less until we eventually lost _____
- f **In the end** I reconnected with him on social _____
- g **To tell you the truth**, social media certainly has its _____

4 Match each of the discourse markers in bold in Exercise 3 with its interpretation below.

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| 1 the final result was | 5 To be more precise |
| 2 Do you understand? | 6 Let's get back to the subject |
| 3 although this may surprise you | 7 I really am being honest |
| 4 I've just remembered this | 8 To put it simply |



"... we eventually lost touch," says Anna Kenny.

5 Gill's summer friendship was more long-lasting than Anna's. Complete her story by underlining the appropriate discourse markers from Exercise 3.

Tony: Have you ever made a friend while on vacation and kept in touch long after you parted ways?

Gill: (1) **Actually** / **Basically**, I have. In fact my best friend and I met while on vacation.

Tony: No!

Gill: Yes, it's true. I went camping in Yosemite with some college friends, and Ashley came along at the last minute.

Tony: Camping in Yosemite? Not exactly tropical ...

Gill: No, (2) **in the end** / **come to think of it**, it was a little cold at times.

(3) **To tell the truth** / **Anyway**, as soon as I met her I thought, "Wow, we have so much in common." (4) **Do you know what I mean?** / **Come to think of it**.

Tony: Oh, yes, I do ... I do.

Gill: But then I found out that she would only be staying a few days because she was moving to Europe the following week.

Tony: Oh no!

Gill: (5) **Basically** / **Actually** there were only four days before she left and I might never see her again.

Tony: Weren't you more interested in spending time with your closest friends than this virtual stranger?

Gill: I was, at first, but (6) **anyway** / **to tell the truth**, I was becoming bored with them. Ashley was so much more fun. We had similar hobbies, were both studying medicine, and our birthdays were only two days apart. By the second day, we were spending most of our time together. (7) **In fact** / **Actually**, we were inseparable.

Tony: What happened after she left?

Gill: Well, it was really sad because we had developed such a close bond that we felt like long lost sisters, but we exchanged email addresses and promised to keep in touch online.

Tony: Was it a long time before you got to see each other again?

Gill: Yes, we didn't see each other again for almost two years, but it all worked out well (8) **in the end** / **to tell the truth**. Now, although we live far apart from each other, we vacation together at least once a year.



"We had similar hobbies," says Gill May.



2.08 Listen and check. Practice the conversation with a partner. Concentrate on the correct stress and intonation. Take turns being Gill.