

# 8C Everyday English

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**P** The sounds /h/ and /w/

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### 1 LISTENING

**a** Discuss the questions.

- 1 Have you had any good news to share recently?  
Have you been told any good news? What was it?
- 2 How do you usually share your good news – by text, online, in person?

**b** Look at the photo. What do you think is happening? How do you think Becky is feeling?



**c** **3.11** Watch or listen to Part 1. Answer the questions.

- 1 What does Becky ask questions about in the interview?
- 2 How does Becky think the interview went?

**d** **3.11** Watch or listen to Part 1 again. Complete each sentence with one or two words.

- 1 Rachel is worried that there's not enough \_\_\_\_\_ in the area for two florists.
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- 3 The course can include a \_\_\_\_\_ in a local gallery.
- 4 There are normally two \_\_\_\_\_ a year.
- 5 Becky found her interview more \_\_\_\_\_ than she was expecting.
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**e** Discuss the questions.

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**b** Underline the phrases for generalising in these sentences.

- 1 It can be difficult to relax at the end of the day. I find my yoga class really helpful for that.
- 2 As a rule, I'm not very good at interviews – I get too nervous.
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a couple of things/stuff like that  
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