

## Listening 1: Language Focus



5 **Listening for stressed words** Read part of the conversation, and fill in as many blanks as possible. Listen to the conversation again to check and complete the answers.

Mari: I don't understand Americans.

Nancy: Huh?

Mari: Did you (1) \_\_\_\_\_ what she said? "I'll call you, we'll go to a (2) \_\_\_\_\_." But every time I try to pick a (3) \_\_\_\_\_ day or time, she says she's (4) \_\_\_\_\_, she has to check her (5) \_\_\_\_\_. And then she (6) \_\_\_\_\_ call.

Nancy: Mm hnm...

Mari: Why do Americans say things they don't (7) \_\_\_\_\_? They (8) \_\_\_\_\_ so nice, like they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ say, "How are you?" but then they keep on (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and don't even wait for your (11) \_\_\_\_\_. They're so... how do you say it... (12) \_\_\_\_\_-faced?

Nancy: I know it (13) \_\_\_\_\_ that way sometimes, Mari. But it's (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (15) \_\_\_\_\_. It's just that for Americans, friendliness and friendship (16) \_\_\_\_\_ always the same thing.

- Mari: What do you (17) \_\_\_\_\_?
- Nancy: Well, as you know, Americans can be very (18) \_\_\_\_\_ and friendly. Like, they (19) \_\_\_\_\_ you to sit down, they (20) \_\_\_\_\_ you questions, they (21) \_\_\_\_\_ you all about their families. So, naturally you think they're trying to make (22) \_\_\_\_\_ with you. But actually, friendship, (23) \_\_\_\_\_ friendship, doesn't happen so (24) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mari: So, when people say, "How are you?" they're just being (25) \_\_\_\_\_? They don't really (26) \_\_\_\_\_?
- Nancy: Not exactly. The thing you have to (27) \_\_\_\_\_ is that "How are you?" isn't a (28) \_\_\_\_\_ question. It's more like a (29) \_\_\_\_\_, a way of saying hello.
- Mari: Aha, I (30) \_\_\_\_\_ it! And "Have a nice day" is just a (31) \_\_\_\_\_ way to say goodbye?
- Nancy: Exactly. (32) \_\_\_\_\_ you're catching on.
- Mari: But I'm (33) \_\_\_\_\_ in the dark about Yolanda. Does she (34) \_\_\_\_\_ to be my friend or (35) \_\_\_\_\_?
- Nancy: It's (36) \_\_\_\_\_ to say. Maybe she's just too (37) \_\_\_\_\_ these days. I guess you'll just have to be (38) \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mari: Hmm. That's good (39) \_\_\_\_\_, I guess. Thanks.