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 hmm...

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.

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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.

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