

SPEAKING: Sounding sympathetic



1 **9.3** Listen to the conversation between two friends. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Rakeem has a lot of English homework. _____
- 2 He did an exam badly. _____
- 3 He wants to find a part-time job. _____
- 4 Rakeem needs some extra money. _____
- 5 He doesn't think it's a good idea to talk to his family. _____
- 6 He can't sleep because of his problems. _____
- 7 Talia thinks that the English teacher is a good person to ask for help. _____
- 8 Talia says that Rakeem needs to stay at home tonight. _____

2 **9.3** Order the words to make sentences from the conversation. Then listen again and check.

- 1 you / work / take / off / some / time / can
_____?
- 2 should / not / I'm / sure / I

- 3 don't / talk / with / why / you / your / family
_____?
- 4 good / that's / a / idea / really

- 5 visiting / tomorrow / about / the / how / teacher / English
_____?
- 6 do / let's / fun / tonight / something
_____!

3 Talia talks to Rakeem about a problem that she's having. Complete the conversation.

Rakeem Is everything okay with you, Talia?
Talia Yes, but my flatmate is very noisy. It's difficult to study there.
Rakeem I'm sorry to hear that.
 1 _____ you look for another flat?
Talia I'm not sure I 2 _____. It's expensive to change flats.
Rakeem Why 3 _____ you talk to your flatmate? Tell her that you need to study. I'm sure she'll try her best to be quieter.
Talia That's a 4 _____ idea.
Rakeem How 5 _____ studying when she isn't at home?
Talia Yes, maybe. She isn't there this weekend! 6 _____ have dinner at my flat tomorrow night.
Rakeem That's a 7 _____ idea!

4 Complete the phrases for sounding sympathetic.

- 1 Poor _____!
- 2 Oh no! I'm _____ to hear that!
- 3 That's a _____!
- 4 How _____!

5 **9.4** Listen to four situations. Respond using an expression from exercise 4. Sound sympathetic.

6 **9.5** Now listen to the situations again and write the response that you hear. Then listen again and repeat.

- 1 A My mum's really ill. She's in hospital.
B _____
- 2 A I'm having a lot of problems with my boyfriend.
B _____
- 3 A That Maths exam was awful. I'm sure I failed it.
B _____
- 4 A I lost my wallet! And it had all my money in it.
B _____