

FRIENDS

LANGUAGE FOR LIFE

1  1.07 Listen to three conversations between friends. Are these statements true or false?

- a Cathy meets her friends by chance. T F c Cathy makes plans to meet her friends again. T F
 b The friends are all in a hurry. T F

2 Work with a partner. Underline the most natural sounding alternatives (1-5).



- a** Cathy: Hey! **How's it going?**
 Harry: **Not bad.**
 Cathy: **What have you been up to lately?**
 Harry: (1) I haven't done a lot really. / **Not a lot, really.** What about you?
 Cathy: (2) Oh, I've been doing this and that. / **Oh, this and that.**
 Harry: **Hey, I have to run. I'll give you a call.**
- b** Cathy: Hello, stranger!
 Jim: Cathy! **How's life?**
 Cathy: **Great! What are you up to these days?**
 Jim: (3) Oh, keeping busy, you know. / **Oh, I'm keeping busy, you know.**
 Cathy: You should come over for dinner some time.
 Jim: That would be great. **Better get back to the office. See you.**
- c** Cathy: Hi. **How are things going?**
 Ed: **Fine.** What about you?
 Cathy: (4) **Oh, things are pretty good. / Oh, pretty good.** Are you doing anything special this weekend?
 Ed: (5) **No, just taking it easy. / No, I'm just taking it easy.**
 Cathy: Me, too.
 Ed: **Sorry, I can't stop. Take care.**

3 Complete the table with the highlighted useful phrases from the conversations.

Greetings	How's it going?	a <u>How's life?</u>	b _____
Saying things are OK	Not bad.	c _____	d _____
Asking for news	What have you been up to lately?	e _____	
Saying you're in a hurry	Hey, I have to run.	f _____	g _____
Goodbyes	I'll give you a call.	h _____	i _____