

Prefix *mis-*

3 Choose the correct options.

- 1 We weren't expecting you until tomorrow. I have no idea what could have led to that *misunderstanding* / *misinformation*.
- 2 Translators must be careful with idiomatic language; it is frequently open to *misinterpretation* / *misuse*.
- 3 She's named Persephone—no wonder she has problems with the *misuse* / *mispronunciation* of her name.
- 4 The letter was designed to trick the police. It  contained *misunderstanding* / *misinformation* about the criminals' plans.
- 5 I'm afraid your insurance **doesn't** cover repairs **if** you tried to kill a spider with it. That's clearly a *mistake* / *misuse* of a cell phone.

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE

Being reassuring

- 1 a Complete the words. Which friend sounds more reassuring?

Conversation 1

- A What's on your ⁽¹⁾m_____? Is it your psychology exam tomorrow?
- B Yes, it counts for 20% of my overall grade this year.
- A Well, you've done well in other subjects, haven't you? What's the ⁽²⁾w_____ thing that can ⁽³⁾h_____?
- B I could fail and have to retake it in September. Oh, I'm so nervous!
- A I'm ⁽⁴⁾s_____ everyone feels that way ⁽⁵⁾s_____. Anyway, you passed the last exam, didn't you?
- B Just barely. I'm sure it was luck.
- A Come on! It's ⁽⁶⁾p_____ normal to feel like this. Now stop being modest and ⁽⁷⁾t_____ not to think about it too ⁽⁸⁾m_____.
- B All right I'll try.

Conversation 2

- C I can't believe I have to drive all the way to Dallas by myself.
- D Don't sound so worried—it'll be a ⁽⁹⁾b_____!
- C It's all right for you to say. You've been driving for years.
- D There's ⁽¹⁰⁾n_____ point ⁽¹¹⁾w_____ about it. Just make sure you know the way.
- C Thanks, that's really helpful!
- D No, but seriously, it's only three hours, and it'll be ⁽¹²⁾o_____ before you ⁽¹³⁾k_____ it. And then you'll be with your friends and you can relax and enjoy yourself.
- C No, then I'll be thinking about getting home again.
- D You big baby! You're ⁽¹⁴⁾m_____ a big ⁽¹⁵⁾d_____ about nothing.
- C You could drive me there...
- D Oh, now why didn't I see that coming? Take the bus if you're so worried.