

2 CD 1.25 MP3 49 You will hear friends talking about phubbing. For each of the questions below circle the correct answer A, B or C.

- 1 What does the girl say about phubbing at the beginning?
  - A She was not aware of this type of social behaviour before.
  - B She has heard the term phubbing before.
  - C She does not consider phubbing to be a major problem.
- 2 According to the man, phubbing is
  - A worrying only for older people.
  - B harmless.
  - C bad manners.
- 3 Which of these statements is true of the girl's attitude towards phubbing?
  - A She hasn't changed her opinion about the sense of the campaign.
  - B She would like people to think more about the problem of phubbing.
  - C She agrees now that technology destroys relations between people.
- 4 According to both speakers, phubbing manifests
  - A being less bored with technology than with people.
  - B young people's serious emotional problems.
  - C lack of social skills among most people.
- 5 The conversation is mainly about
  - A the influence of technology on human interaction.
  - B the generation gap between the young and the old.
  - C experts' views on issues like phubbing.



3 Replace the underlined fragments in sentences 1–6 with the verbs in the box in the correct form.

ignore   play   value   consider   socialise   reflect on

- 1 Fiddling with your phone while you're chatting to your friend is rude. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 We don't spend time with people as often as before.  
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- 3 We often snub people who are different from us.  
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- 4 We should appreciate our friends more than any technology.  
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- 5 Most young people find phubbing acceptable. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 It's time for everyone to think about our communication with others. \_\_\_\_\_

**5 Choose the correct prepositions to complete the sentences. What do these expressions mean? Are the sentences true for you?**

- 1** I get **on / up** with everybody in my family.
- 2** I hate people who talk about me **behind / after** my back.
- 3** I couldn't wish **about / for** better parents. They are just great.
- 4** I think my parents brought me **down / up** really well.
- 5** My parents tell me **off / in** all the time. They're too critical.
- 6** I look **up / down** to my dad. He's so clever!