

UNIT 8B – VOCABULARY ACTIVATING – LISTENING PRACTICE

1. Conversation 1

A: Are you OK? You look worn out.

B: I am. I'm exhausted. I definitely need an 1.....

A: Have you been going out a lot?

B: I wish I had! No – just 2..... with the baby. She's just waking up all the time and screaming her head off. It's a nightmare.

A: Oh dear. That's tough. Can't you 3..... at lunchtime or something?

B: I would if I could, but there's nowhere here to have one, is there? And anyway, I'm so busy ...

A: I know. So am I.

B: I actually 3.....briefly in a meeting earlier this morning.

A: Really?

B: It was a bit embarrassing. I suddenly heard my name and I was like 'What's going on?' I just kind of mumbled

'That sounds good'. And I could see a couple of looks of confusion and my colleague goes 'What does? The falling sales?

A: Oh dear!

B: Yeah, not good. I did manage to get back on track, but it was a bit awkward.

A: Hey, it could've been worse. You could've started 4.....!

B: True – and apparently, I do 5..... a fair bit, so it wasn't that unlikely!

2. Conversation 2

A: Morning.

B: Morning. Did you 6.....?

A: Yeah – kind of. I mean, I got off to sleep without any problem . . . I was 7.....as soon as my head hit the pillow, but then at about 3 o'clock I 8..... up and I was completely 9.....

B: I guess it's a bit of 10..... I know it's only a couple of hours' difference but ...

A: Maybe, but it actually happens to me quite a lot.

B: Really? What's that about, then?

A: I really don't know.

B: But you usually go back to sleep again, right?

A: Yeah, yeah, I do normally. I usually just read for a bit and I find I start 11.....again after a few pages. I do normally sleep 12..... after that.

B: Weird.

A: Yeah, but it doesn't bother me massively. It's not like I'm 13..... all day, feeling tired.

B: Yeah. OK. Anyway . . . how does the breakfast here look? Have you had anything yet?

3. Conversation 3

A: [phone ring]

B: Ughgh ... Yeah?

A: Hello! Great to hear your voice too!

B: Sorry. I was 14.....

A: Shouldn't you be studying?

B: I am! I mean, not right this moment . . . I was just having a 15.....before I got back to it.

A: Right. So how long have you been out?

B: I'm not sure. What time is it?

A: 2.30.

B: Really? Oh, I only meant to have a 16.....

A: You should've set your alarm.

B: I did. I must've slept through it.

A: Good job I phoned you then. How come you're so tired anyway?

B: I think it's just the stress of the exams. I was 17..... half the night worrying about them.

A: You should drink chamomile tea.

B: Chamomile tea?

A: Yeah. Chamomile – calms the nerves. I sleep 18.....

B: Honestly, you're like my mum sometimes. Anyway, what is it exactly that you want?

A: Just seeing if you're still going to come out later.

B: Oh right. Yeah. I probably will. I mean I want to, but I'll have to see how I get on with my revision.

A: You should. It'd take your mind off things for a couple of hours.

B: OK, OK. Probably. Phone me back in a couple of hours.

A: OK.