

## 9.2 VOCABULARY

### COMMENTING ON MISTAKES

#### A Match the phrases that have similar meanings.

- 1 be in too much of a hurry: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 a dumb thing to do: \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 be unfortunate: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 be incompetent: \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 learn the hard way: \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 not watch what you're doing: \_\_\_\_\_

- a figure something out by making a mistake
- b do something stupid
- c be careless
- d rush
- e not be able to do things successfully
- f be unlucky

#### B Match the phrases with their opposites.

a silly mistake  
be your own fault

be incompetent  
not watch what you're doing

be in too much of a hurry  
see the funny side of

- 1 be an expert ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 a smart move ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 with patience and care ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 be someone else's fault ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 not appreciate the humor in something ≠ \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 pay close attention ≠ \_\_\_\_\_

#### C Circle the correct word or phrase to complete each sentence.

- 1 Speaking to him was *a bad move* / *unfortunate*. It just made matters worse.
- 2 It was *unfortunate* / *a bad move* that the train to the airport was late, and Peter missed his flight.
- 3 He was so upset by his mistake he could *kick himself* / *learn the hard way*. How could he be so foolish?
- 4 She *wasn't watching what she was doing* / *found herself in an awkward situation* and she tripped and fell.
- 5 It was hard to *see the funny side* / *learn the hard way* when her ankle still hurt so much.
- 6 She *found herself in an awkward situation* / *learned the hard way* when her husband walked in the room while she was wrapping his birthday present.