

9.2 VOCABULARY

COMMENTING ON MISTAKES

A Match the phrases that have similar meanings.

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| 1 be in too much of a hurry: _____ | a figure something out by making a mistake |
| 2 a dumb thing to do: _____ | b do something stupid |
| 3 be unfortunate: _____ | c be careless |
| 4 be incompetent: _____ | d rush |
| 5 learn the hard way: _____ | e not be able to do things successfully |
| 6 not watch what you're doing: _____ | f be unlucky |

B Match the phrases with their opposites.

a silly mistake	be incompetent	be in too much of a hurry
be your own fault	not watch what you're doing	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.