

## Reading skills practice: Phone chat – exercises

Do you like spending time with your mates? How do you organise a night out? Look at the phone chat and do the exercises to improve your reading skills.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1..... techno                    | a. a film that makes you laugh                                    |
| 2..... an art film               | b. enthusiastic (about)                                           |
| 3..... a comedy                  | c. a film about criminals involved in organised crime             |
| 4..... a gangster film           | d. a film with serious themes made by a small, independent studio |
| 5..... to end up doing something | e. to finally do something                                        |
| 6..... keen (on)                 | f. a type of electronic dance music with a fast beat              |

**Group Chat | Funky Friends**

Cat Lakey joined  
Marc Benson joined

Hey Marc, what time are we meeting tonight?  
Cat Lakey 2:19pm

Hiya Cat, 7ish do you think? Does Iggy know? Haven't heard from him in a while.  
Marc Benson 2:20pm

Not sure. Will contact him.  
Cat Lakey 2:20pm

Iggy Waters joined

Hi guys, what's the plan?  
Iggy Waters 2:25pm

We thought film, eat, dancing. You OK with that?  
Marc Benson 2:25pm

That's cool with me. Found out about a new place last night, check this out.  
Iggy Waters 2:26pm

**The Island Club**  
42 High Road, Hoburn  
[www.islandclub.uk.net](http://www.islandclub.uk.net)

Looks awesome.  
Marc Benson 2:27pm

Yeah, my mate Barney knows it, says there's a great DJ, amazing dance music.  
Iggy Waters 2:27pm

Yeah, right, we know about your taste in dance music ... really loud, really techno.  
Cat Lakey 2:28pm

No, you'll like this, promise. If you don't we'll go somewhere else.  
Iggy Waters 2:28pm

OK, let's try it. Do you want to get a coffee before the film?  
Cat Lakey 2:28pm

Sure. What film are we going to see anyway?  
Iggy Waters 2:29pm

We thought that new comedy with Zac Efron.  
Marc Benson 2:29pm

Hmmmm, I don't know...  
Iggy Waters 2:29pm

Not keen?  
Cat Lakey 2:30pm

Sounds awful. How about that Japanese gangster film?  
Iggy Waters 2:30pm

You always go for the arty films.  
Marc Benson 2:30pm

Bit violent, isn't it?  
Cat Lakey 2:30pm

No, not really, but not an art film either – here, I'll send you a review.  
Iggy Waters 2:31pm

[www.filmreviews.uk/TokyoGangs](http://www.filmreviews.uk/TokyoGangs) Click to follow...

Well, maybe. You up for that, Cat?  
Marc Benson 2:32pm

OK. Funny how we always end up doing what you want, Ig!  
Cat Lakey 2:32pm

I just always have the best ideas.  
Iggy Waters 2:33pm

## 1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to complete these sentences.

1. They're meeting up at \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. 7 o'clock                      b. about 7 o'clock                      c. about 2 o'clock
2. They're going to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. have something to eat                      b. have a coffee                      c. go dancing before the film
3. The Island Club plays \_\_\_\_\_ music.  
 a. dance                      b. rock                      c. pop
4. \_\_\_\_\_ has been to The Island Club before.  
 a. Iggy                      b. Marc                      c. Barney
5. They're going to see a \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. gangster film                      b. comedy                      c. musical
6. Cat's worried that the film will be too \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. loud                      b. boring                      c. violent

## 2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a name from the box. You can use each name more than once.

Cat	Marc	Iggy
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1. \_\_\_\_\_ suggests what time to meet.
2. \_\_\_\_\_'s friend has recommended a good nightclub.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ likes Iggy's suggestion to go to The Island Club.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ suggests having a coffee before the film.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ likes techno.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ comments that Iggy always has his way.

### Discussion

What would be your perfect night out?

Where do you like to go? Who do you go with?

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