

Listening skills practice: Difficult situations – exercises

Listen to the people discussing different problems and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

1. Preparation

Match the two parts of the sentence to describe difficult situations. Write a – f next to the numbers 1 – 6.

1.....	Your bus breaks	a. dies.
2.....	You fail	b. up with her.
3.....	Your dog	c. an exam.
4.....	Your friend's boyfriend breaks	d. your phone.
5.....	You leave your	e. down and you are late for school.
6.....	Someone steals	f. keys inside the house.

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a word or phrase from the box.

friend

he failed his exam

mum

dad

her dog got hit by a car

the mobile phone he borrowed got stolen

1. The boy is telling his _____ that _____.
2. The girl is telling her _____ that _____.
3. The boy is telling his _____ that _____.

3. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

1. A - The boy revised all week for his Economics exam.	True	False
2. A - It wasn't an important exam.	True	False
3. A - His mum is worried about the cost of retaking the course.	True	False
4. B - The girl and the dog were playing in the park.	True	False
5. B - She took Bonzo to the vet's straight away.	True	False
6. B - She had only had Bonzo for a short time.	True	False
7. C - The boy was using the phone when someone stole it.	True	False
8. C - The boy thinks he would recognise the thief.	True	False
9. C - The dad will see if the phone is insured.	True	False

Have you been in any difficult situations?

What happened?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.