Functional language

Give and respond to news

1 Complete the conversation with responses a–f.

A: Allen! Hi!
B: 1 d
A: Good, thanks. I've just sold my house.
B: 2 ___
A: I wanted to move somewhere quieter, with more green spaces.
B: 3 ___
A: Why? I thought you liked living here.
B: I did! But we have new neighbours and they party all night, every night!
A: 4 ___
B: Yes, I have. But they won't stop.
A: Oh no, sorry to hear that.
B: 5 ___ We have some good news.
A: What?
B: Rebecca and I are having a baby!
A: 6 ___
B: Thanks! We don't know yet!

a Lucky you! I'd love to move, too!
b Really? Congratulations! Boy or girl?
c That's fantastic news! Why did you sell?
d Hi, Stuart! How are things?
e That's awful! Have you spoken to them about it?
f Guess what!

2 Match sentences 1–8 with responses a–h.

1 I've lost my phone. I can't find it anywhere! ___
2 Did you hear about Pam and Kevin? They've sold their house. ___
3 Guess what! George asked me to marry him! ___
4 Have you heard about Hugo? He lost his job. ___
5 I got a cold last week and I had to stay in bed for two days. ___
6 Sorry, but I have to cancel our plans for tonight. I have to work late. ___
7 Did you hear that a new sushi restaurant has opened in our area? ___
8 We've booked our holiday! We're going to Malta for two weeks! ___

a Oh, that's fantastic news! When's the big day?
b Sounds amazing! You'll have a fantastic time!
c That's a shame. Are you free tomorrow night?
d Oh, no, sorry to hear that! Maybe you left it at home?
e That's great! We need more restaurants around here.
f That's awful! He was so happy working there.
g Really? That's a surprise! I thought they loved living in Cambridge.
h Oh, what a shame! How are you feeling now?

Listening

1 3.01 **Listen to Jen and Angus discussing a holiday. Write Jen (J), Angus (A) or both (J/A).**

1 ___ has been on holiday.
2 ___ likes skiing.
3 ___ has friends who like hot weather.
4 ___ likes being alone.
5 ___ likes talking to people.
6 ___ took lots of photos.

2 Listen again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 Angus is unhappy his holiday has ended. ___
2 He has been on a skiing holiday to Ben Nevis. ___
3 He spent a week there. ___
4 He liked the holiday because he could practise his skiing and be alone. ___
5 The ski centre is not cheap. ___
6 There are lots of places to eat. ___
7 There are wonderful views. ___
8 It is about four hours' drive from Edinburgh. ___

3a Choose the correct option, a or b.

1 Angus went to Fort William ...
a by plane. b by train.
2 Jen ...
a has been skiing before.
b has never been skiing before.
3 Jen is surprised that ...
a Angus went skiing. b Angus went alone.
4 Angus ...
a doesn't go skiing often. b goes skiing regularly.
5 At the end of the conversation ...
a Jen wants to go skiing for her next holiday.
b Jen doesn't want to go skiing for her next holiday.

b Listen again and check.



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