

6.6 Speaking

Understanding a conversation

1 6.4 Listen and repeat the phrases.

SPEAKING Understanding a conversation

Asking for clarification

Sorry, I didn't catch that. What was that?

Can you say that again?

Sorry, I didn't get the first/last part.

Could you speak more loudly/more slowly?

Clarifying

What I said was we are going on holiday.

What I asked was what happened.

I said (that) you have to take the Piccadilly line.

I was just saying you can take the underground.

I just wanted to ask (you) if you know that place.

I just wanted to ask (you) about that place.

2 Match the sentence halves.

1 Could you speak

2 Sorry, I didn't

3 I was just

4 I just wanted to

5 Can you

6 What I said

a saying that Jo isn't usually late.

b was that it sounds like a great idea.

c ask you about the Maths homework.

d more slowly?

e catch that.

f say that again?

3 Order the sentences to make dialogues.

1 a What was that?

b I was just saying, there's a good film on at the cinema tonight.

c Hey, Matt, there's a good film on at the cinema tonight.

2 a I said that Sam's busy, so he can't come to the party.

b Maria can come to the party, but Sam's busy.

c Sorry, I didn't get the last part.

3 a I just wanted to ask you about Friday.

b Can you say that again?

c Hi, Lily. What time are we meeting on Friday?

4 Complete the dialogues with sentences a-d.

1 A: Don't forget to pack your passport.

B: Sorry, *b*.

A: I said, don't forget to pack your passport.

2 A: Take the bus to the city centre. Then get on tram number 4.

B: Sorry, *_____*.

A: I said, take tram number 4.

3 A: I'll meet you at the station in ten minutes.

B: What was that?

A: *_____*, let's meet at the station in ten minutes.

4 A: Can you bring your guidebook with you?

B: Could you speak more loudly, please?

A: *_____* you can bring your guidebook.

B: Yes, of course.

a What I said was

b I didn't catch that

c I was just asking if

d I didn't get the last part

5 6.5 Complete the dialogues with one word in each gap. Listen and check.

1 Jo: Hi, Tom. Are you going on the school trip in November?

Tom: Sorry, I didn't *catch* that. It's very loud here. *_____* you speak more loudly, please?

Jo: I just *_____* to ask you about the school trip in November.

Tom: Oh. Yeah, I'm definitely going!

2 Sam: We need to be at the airport at ten.

Jen: *_____* was that?

Sam: I *_____* that we need to be at the airport at ten.

Jen: OK.

3 Cara: Remember to pack your wetsuit because we might go diving if the sea's nice and clear.

Mike: Sorry, could you *_____* that again?

Cara: *_____* I said was that you should pack your wetsuit. We might go diving.

Mike: Oh yeah. Good idea!