

Go through each expression, and match them according to how to use them correctly

To interrupt politely.

a. "Sorry, do go on." -

To briefly pause someone.

b. "What were you saying about ...?" -

When you want someone to continue after they were interrupted.

c. "Just a second." -

To prompt someone to continue after being interrupted.

d. "Do you mind if I cut in?" -

To bring the conversation back to a previous topic.

e. "Hang on." -

To ask someone to wait a moment.

f. "Sorry, you were saying?" -

Fill in the blank with the most accurate expression

**Alex:** So, I was thinking we could go to the new restaurant downtown this weekend.

**Sam:** That sounds great, but I think I might have plans already.

**Jordan:** \_\_\_\_\_ (interrupt politely) I just remembered that the new movie we wanted to see is also playing this weekend.

**Alex:** Oh, really? Maybe we can do both!

**Sam:** \_\_\_\_\_ (pause) I just need to check my schedule first.

**Jordan:** \_\_\_\_\_ (ask to continue) the new restaurant, have any of you seen reviews?

**Alex:** Yes, I heard it's amazing!

**Sam:** \_\_\_\_\_ (brief interruption) I think I saw a review on Facebook. Let me find it.

**Jordan:** \_\_\_\_\_ (prompt to continue) the review you found?

**Sam:** Here it is! It looks like the food is really good and the atmosphere is nice too.

**Alex:** Great! Let's make a plan then.

sorry, do go on

May I interrupt

What were you saying about...?

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Hang on

Sorry you were saying.

1.

**Emma:** I heard you went to the beach last weekend. How was it?

**Olivia:** It was amazing! The weather was perfect.

**Emma:** \_\_\_\_\_ (interrupt politely) Did you go surfing?

2.

**John:** I was telling you about my new job. It's really exciting!

**Lisa:** \_\_\_\_\_ (prompt to continue) your new job?

Look at the ideas and  
choose one expression  
to continue with the  
role-play

3.

**Paul:** I think we should consider a different approach for the project.

**Mary:** \_\_\_\_\_ (pause) Can you explain what you mean by that?

In pairs, decide who is going to speak and who is going to interrupt. Take turns to pick a topic and try to speak about it for a minute while your partner interrupts and tries to stop you from saying anything.

<i>Favourite footballer or football team</i>	<i>The last party you went to</i>	<i>First time on a plane</i>	<i>Favourite food or drink</i>
<i>Something in the news that made you laugh</i>	<i>Favourite musician or band</i>	<i>An unusual place you've visited recently</i>	<i>First trip to another country</i>
<i>The strangest / funniest person in your family</i>	<i>First English conversation</i>	<i>Favourite book or film</i>	<i>The best football match you've ever seen</i>