

## Vocabulary

### Colloquial and idiomatic language

#### 1 Complete the sentences with a word. The first letter is given.

- 1 Stop **g**\_\_\_\_\_ on about how much you hate the boss. If she hears, you'll get the **c**\_\_\_\_\_.
- 2 He always talks about his dog, eating his slippers, barking at the neighbours, blah, blah, **b**\_\_\_\_\_.
- 3 Listening to it is such a **y**\_\_\_\_\_.
- 4 My day was pretty **r**\_\_\_\_\_. In fact, I spent most of it literally **c**\_\_\_\_\_ out old junk from our garage.
- 5 It's a good **j**\_\_\_\_\_ you're here. I don't want to go **i**\_\_\_\_\_ why, but I need your help.
- 6 I'm seeing my old uni **m**\_\_\_\_\_ tonight. Should be fun to see them.
- 7 A night out with Phil and his partner is on the **c**\_\_\_\_\_. You should come if you're **u**\_\_\_\_\_ for it.
- 8 Everything seems to have worked out well. Touch **w**\_\_\_\_\_ it stays that way!

## English in action

### Manage informal conversations



#### 2 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 I'm not surprised. That's just \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Did you see \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Turned out nice. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Long time, \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Did you see this business \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 You must be a bit depressed \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 What've you been \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 You like musicals, \_\_\_\_\_

a no see!      e hasn't it?  
 b up to?      f at how Real Madrid are doing.  
 c don't you?    g the match on Sunday?  
 d typical of Mark!    h about the factory closure?

#### 3 Complete the sentences using the prompts in brackets.

- 1 A: Hello. **1** \_\_\_\_\_ (long / no see).  
 B: Yes, it's been a while. **2** \_\_\_\_\_ (what / you / up to)?  
 A: Ah, nothing much.
- 2 A: **3** \_\_\_\_\_ (I / not / believe) it!  
 B: **4** \_\_\_\_\_ (what / up)?  
 A: I've got a flat tyre.
- 3 A: **5** \_\_\_\_\_ (you / see / business / redundancies)?  
 B: Yes, I did. Not good, is it?
- 4 A: **6** \_\_\_\_\_ (turn / nice), hasn't it?  
 B: Yes, gorgeous day!
- 5 A: Hi Sam, **7** \_\_\_\_\_ (it / ages).  
 B: I know. **8** \_\_\_\_\_ (How / family)?
- 6 A: **9** \_\_\_\_\_ (that / typical)! The parcel company has delivered the wrong thing.

#### 4 Choose the correct option a or b.

- 1 Oh, you got me a coffee, too. Good **a** stuff    b thing
- 2 I'm sorry you're not feeling well. What a **a** hurt    b pain
- 3 He said what? Good **a**!    b luck
- 4 You're busy tonight? No **a**, I'll see you tomorrow.  
 a concern    b worries
- 5 You don't want to eat my food? Alright, **a** yourself.  
 a match    b suit
- 6 Anyway, I've got to **a**. See you later.  
 a dash    b sprint

#### 5 Complete the conversation with phrases a–h below.

A: I've been offered a new job.  
 B: **1** \_\_\_\_\_!  
 A: Thanks, but it's halfway across the country.  
 B: **2** \_\_\_\_! Are you going to take it?  
 A: I'm not sure. It'd be something new, but I'd miss you guys.  
 B: **3** \_\_\_\_\_. We'd survive.  
 A: The salary's not great either. It's less than I earn now.  
 B: **4** \_\_\_\_? That's not good.  
 A: No, but the working environment is better there.  
 B: I'm sure. **5** \_\_\_\_\_. It sounds like you have a tough decision ahead. **6** \_\_\_\_\_. Will you tell Jeremy?  
 A: Yes, I'll let him know. **7** \_\_\_\_\_. here he is now.  
 B: Right, **8** \_\_\_\_\_. I've got a report to finish.

a Rather you than me  
 b No way  
 c I'd best be off  
 d Don't be silly  
 e Talking of whom  
 f Nice one  
 g It's a joke here  
 h Seriously