

Practical English Is it a clue?

talking about house rules

1 ▶ ROB GETS INVOLVED

- a 🎧 7.24 Watch or listen to Jenny, Luke, and Rob talking about Henry's disappearance. What are two possible clues they notice in the video?



- b Watch or listen again. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Correct the **F** sentences.

- 1 Rob thinks they should ask the police for help.
- 2 Rob and Luke agree that they shouldn't give the laptop to the criminals.
- 3 Rob noticed something strange about how his father looked.
- 4 The phrase that really surprises Rob is 'his old dad'.
- 5 He doesn't know how to interpret the clue.
- 6 Rob has booked a flight to the UK.
- 7 Jenny is going to go back to Henry's house.

What do you think the clues might mean? Who do you think Simon is?

2 ▶ TALKING ABOUT HOUSE RULES

- a 🎧 7.25 Watch or listen to Luke telling Jenny about the rules in his house. Complete **Rules for guests**. Why does he ask her to move her car?

Rules for guests

- 1 This is a no-_____ house.
- 2 Don't cook _____ or leave _____ products in the fridge.
- 3 If you need to use the internet, the _____ for the wi-fi is *lukeandsimonrule*.
- 4 If you use the washing machine, please use the _____-_____ detergents in the cupboard.
- 5 Please help us save energy – don't use a _____ water programme.
- 6 There isn't a _____. Hang your clothes on the _____ instead.



- b Read the conversation between Luke and Jenny. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen again and check.

Luke It's a great location, and the rent is cheap, but Simon can be a bit difficult.

Jenny Oh, right.

Luke He's got a few rules. After all, it is his house.

Jenny That's fine.

Luke To start with, it's a no-smoking house.

Jenny Great.

Luke And he's a strict vegetarian so 1 _____ cook meat or leave meat products in the fridge.

Jenny Uh huh.

Luke He just feels really strongly about not eating 2 _____.

Jenny That's not a 3 _____.

Luke What about you? Is there 4 _____ you need?

Jenny There is one thing – could I 5 _____ my phone to your wi-fi?

Luke 6 _____. The 7 _____ is *lukeandsimonrule*, all lower case, all one word.

Jenny Got it.

Luke Anything 8 _____?

Jenny Yeah. I have some clothes I need to wash. Is it 9 _____ if I use your washing machine?

Luke Of 10 _____ you can. But Simon prefers us to use the eco-friendly detergents. There's some in the cupboard.

Jenny Cool.

Luke Oh, and you ¹¹ use a hot water programme. He's very keen on saving energy.

Jenny OK, and ¹² you if I use your dryer too?

Luke ¹³, we don't have one, but you can hang it out on the washing line.

Jenny Great. Is there ¹⁴ else I ¹⁵ know?

Luke No, I don't think ¹⁶ – oh! You should probably move your car.

Jenny I guess Simon doesn't like cars either.

Luke Well no, but it's not that. We know the kidnappers have been watching us, right? They might see it and recognize us.

Jenny You're right. I'll move it right away.

Luke Look, I'll come with you and we can get a coffee. There's a nice café round the corner.

Jenny Thanks, Luke.

c **7.26** Watch or listen and repeat the highlighted phrases. Copy the rhythm and intonation.

d Practise the conversation in b with a partner.

e **Communication** Renting a room A p.109 B p.114. Role-play two conversations.

3 **TAKING A RISK**

a **7.27** Watch or listen to Jenny and Luke discussing the situation with Rob. Where are they going to go tonight? Why?



b Watch or listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Who is more optimistic at the beginning, Jenny or Luke?
- 2 Has Rob managed to get a flight to London? Why (not)?
- 3 What does Rob think the words 'old man' might refer to?
- 4 What does he think Luke and Jenny need to do?
- 5 How are they going to get to the house?
- 6 Why does Luke know the back way well?

What do you think will happen when they go to the house?



British and American English

flashlight = American English torch = British English

c Look at the **Social English** phrases. Can you remember any of the missing words?



Social English

- 1 Jenny It's all a mess.
- 2 Jenny I hope. I just don't know.
- 3 Jenny Any?
- 4 Rob I know, but I'll trying.
- 5 Rob I've been thinking about Dad's message. That 'old man'.
- 6 Jenny Did you that?

d **7.28** Watch or listen and complete the phrases. Then watch or listen again and repeat.

e Complete conversations A–F with **Social English** phrases 1–6. Then practise them with a partner.

A	What do you want to talk to Jim about?	'family argument' We need to agree what to do.
B	That was my sister on the phone.	How's it going with the new boyfriend?
C	So what's his address? No, can you give me the postcode again, please?	241 Willow Road, Flat 3, SW7 2TM.
D	Why don't we go for a walk? It's lovely day.	Yes, let's do that.
E	I don't think I'll ever be able to play this music. It's just too difficult.	You have to In the end you'll succeed.
F	Do you think you'll pass your driving test?	I've had loads of lessons and I've been practising a lot, too.

CAN YOU...?

- ask about the rules in a house
- explain the rules in a house
- suggest and agree on a plan of action

1 TALKING ABOUT HOUSE RULES

a Complete the phrases with a word from the list.

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- 1 Is there anything I should know?
- 2 Could I _____ my laptop?
- 3 Anything _____?
- 4 you can't _____ meat
- 5 I don't _____ so.
- 6 Do you _____ if _____
- 7 to _____ with,
- 8 Of _____ you can.
- 9 you _____ use
- 10 That's not a _____.
- 11 We don't _____ one
- 12 is it _____ if I use
- 13 all lower case, all one _____
- 14 Is there anything you _____?

b Complete the conversations with the phrases in a.

- A ¹ *Is there anything I should know?* Are there any house rules?
- B Well, ² _____ it's a no-smoking house.
- A ³ _____ I don't smoke.
- B Secondly, we're all vegetarians, so ⁴ _____ or leave meat products in the fridge.
- A OK. ⁵ _____
- B No, ⁶ _____ ⁷ _____
- A There is one thing. ⁸ _____ to your wi-fi?
- B Sure. The password's 'home', ⁹ _____.
- A Thanks. And ¹⁰ _____ your washing machine?
- B ¹¹ _____ The detergent is under the sink.
- A Right.
- B Oh, we're trying to save energy, so ¹² _____ a hot water programme.
- A That's fine. ¹³ _____ I use your dryer, too?
- B Sorry. ¹⁴ _____
- A Oh, OK. Is there a washing line?
- B Yes, there's one in the garden.

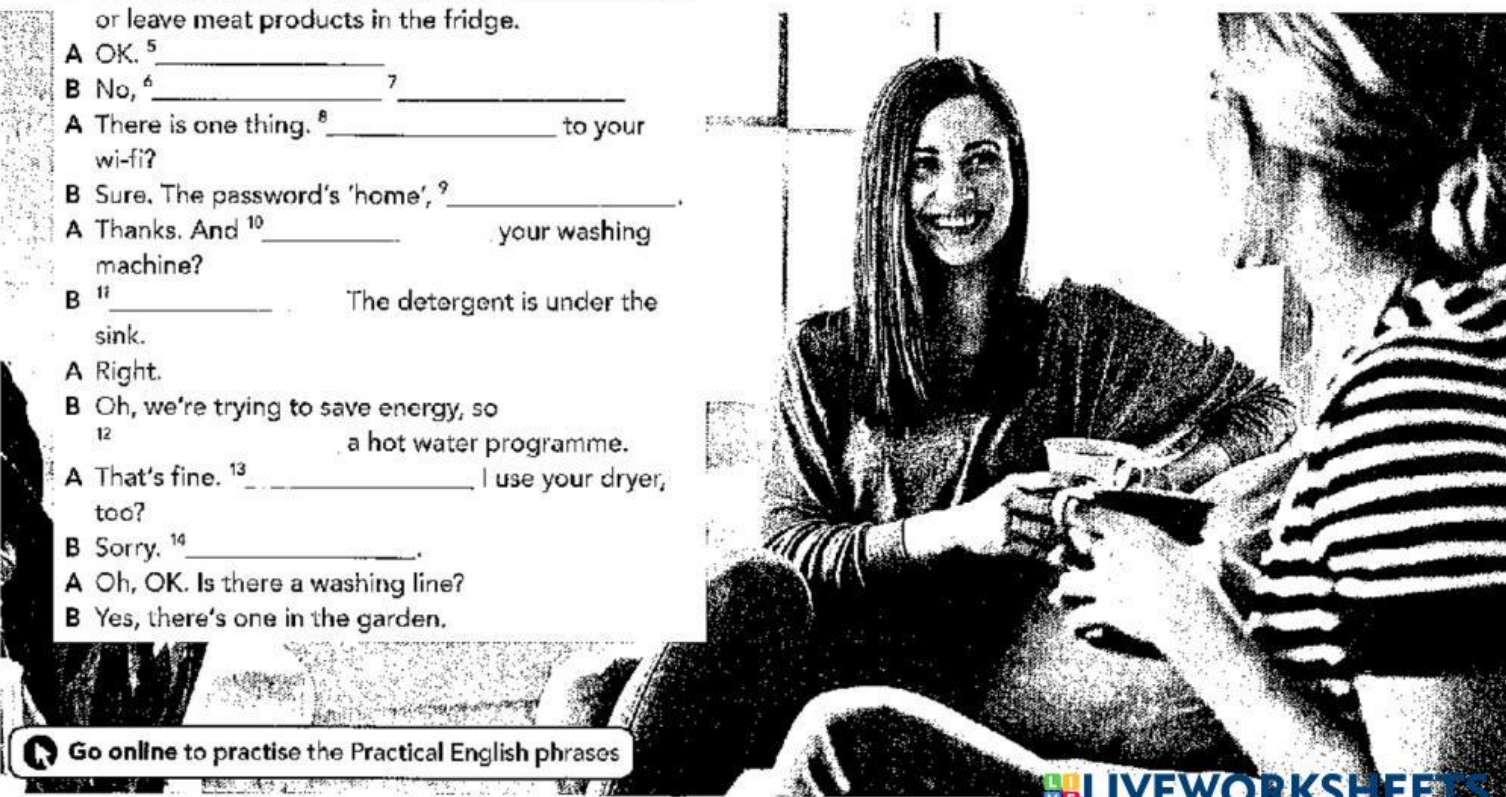
2 SOCIAL ENGLISH

a Match 1–6 to a–f to make Social English phrases.

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| 1 Any _____ | d _____ | a a mess. |
| 2 Did you _____ | _____ | b business. |
| 3 I hope _____ | _____ | c get that? |
| 4 I'll keep _____ | _____ | d news? |
| 5 It's all such _____ | _____ | e so. |
| 6 That parking _____ | _____ | f trying. |

b Complete the conversations with the phrases in a.

- 1 A What about your interview? Any news? _____
B I didn't get the job.
A That's disappointing.
B I know, but _____
- 2 A Go straight on, take the first road on your right and then the second on your left. _____
B Yes, first right and second left.
A Do you think you'll be able to find it?
B _____
- 3 A Have you spoken to your neighbours since the argument. _____
B Not yet. _____
A I know, but you must talk to them about it.



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LIVEWORKSHEETS