

Speaking (Unit 1-4)

COMMUNICATION

3 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. The first letters are given.

- Martin:** What's wrong? You look very
¹ d_____ in the dumps.
You're usually so happy!
- Maria:** Well, I'm really worried about the exam
this afternoon. Just the thought of doing
it has been ² k_____ me up
at night. I haven't slept well since
Monday!
- Martin:** You've got to be ³ k_____
me! You always do so well at Maths.
- Maria:** I know, but it's getting more difficult all
the time.
- Martin:** That's true, but I'm sure you'll be OK.
You have to believe in yourself. Anyway,
we'll be able to breathe a sigh of
⁴ r_____ tomorrow.
- Maria:** Thank ⁵ g_____!

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Read the dialogue lines. Arrange them in the correct sequence (1-6) to form a coherent dialogue between two students.

- Yes, you're spot on, Milo! That's why we need a poster that really makes an impact.
 - OK, let's make a decision on which poster then. Will we go with the one with the bright colours?
 - I can't put my finger on it, but the one with the water bottle doesn't grab me.
 - Yes, it looks as if we agree that one is the best idea.
 - Maybe it's just not as original?
 - I don't know. I'm torn between this one with the water bottle, and that one with the bright colours.
 - I don't think this idea will really inspire people to take part. It takes a lot of effort to remember to bring in a reusable bottle. We need to think about how to motivate people to do it.
- 1 - Which poster do you prefer?
- That's a good point, but maybe that depends on how we present the concept?

3 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. The first letters are given.

- Tom:** You'll never ¹ **b** _____ what happened last Saturday afternoon!
- Jo:** What? Go on, tell me!
- Tom:** Well, to ² **c** _____ a long story short, I was a hero for five minutes!
- Jo:** Really? Where were you?
- Tom:** Shopping in town. ³ **S** _____, a guy grabbed a woman's bag and started to run away. I don't know why, but I chased him! No ⁴ **w** _____ of a lie!
- Jo:** So ...?
- Tom:** Well, I could run faster than him! No ⁵ **s** _____ had I caught him than the police arrived. Apparently, he was a criminal on the loose who had just escaped from prison.
- Jo:** You were lucky not to get hurt!

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For each line (1-5), choose the most appropriate and logical response (A, B, or C).

- 1.** I'm genuinely worried about the amount of misinformation and deepfakes circulating online. It's hard to trust anything anymore.
- A. I think it's just a generational thing; older people are fine with it.
 - B. I agree. That's why cognitive resilience and digital literacy are vital skills today.
 - C. That's true, but have you checked your phone battery lately?
- 2.** We need to find a more sustainable way to manage our school's waste. The amount of plastic we use is simply enormous.
- A. That's an interesting idea, but I prefer doing all my homework first.
 - B. I completely disagree; plastic consumption is a global problem, not a local one.
 - C. Definitely. Maybe we should adopt a zero-waste lifestyle trial in the cafeteria.
- 3.** I feel a bit overwhelmed by my friends' seemingly perfect lives on social media. It makes me feel inadequate.
- A. You should try to remember that most of what you see is a carefully curated digital persona.
 - B. Yes, and it's a brilliant platform for building professional networks, isn't it?
 - C. That's because they are using an outdated operating system.

4. Do you think AI will eventually make most administrative and technical jobs obsolete?
- A. No, AI is just a passing trend and won't affect anything.
 - B. Not entirely. It will simply require people to develop new transferable skills like problem-solving and collaboration.
 - C. The nearest train station is exactly where you left it.
5. If you could develop one soft skill right now, which one would you choose? I'd pick empathy.
- A. Probably adaptability. The world is changing too quickly for me to be rigid.
 - B. I think I would prefer to learn to drive a fast car.
 - C. Soft skills are only relevant if you work in customer service.