

How to ...

talk about things that annoy you

2 A **2.05** | Listen to people talking about their pet hates. Match the conversations (1–3) with the things that annoy them (a–e). There are two extra options.

Conversation 1 _____

Conversation 2 _____

Conversation 3 _____

- a public transport
- b very noisy people
- c people who talk about other people
- d flatmates
- e people who use their phones all the time

B **2.05** | Listen again. Complete the sentences with one word in each gap.

- 1 You know what really _____ me?
- 2 Yeah, it's so _____!
- 3 My flatmate is _____ leaving his dirty dishes in the sink.
- 4 It really _____ on my nerves.
- 5 He's so lazy and it really _____ me!
- 6 That would really _____ me, too.
- 7 It _____ me mad when I get on the train in the morning and there are no seats.
- 8 I can't _____ it when I'm waiting at the bus stop and there are so many people.

PRONUNCIATION

3 A **2.06** | **stress and intonation to show annoyance** | Listen and choose the word in each sentence with the most stress.

- 1 It annoys me when people drop litter.
- 2 I can't bear it when people play loud music.
- 3 It gets on my nerves when people are always late.
- 4 I can't stand it when people disagree with me.
- 5 It bugs me when people jump the queue.
- 6 My husband is always losing his house keys.

B **2.06** | Listen again and repeat.

SPEAKING

4 A **2.07** | Complete the conversation with the words in the box. Then listen and check.

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forever it nerves so

A: I can't ¹ _____ it when I'm with a friend and they keep looking at their phone.

B: Yes, it really ² _____ me, too. Last night I was in a restaurant with a friend, and she was constantly ³ _____ her messages.

A: That's ⁴ _____ annoying! And it drives me ⁵ _____ when people take photos of their food and put them on social media while you're having dinner!

B: Yes, my friend does that, too. She's ⁶ _____ posting photos, then checking to see if anyone has made a comment. It really gets on my ⁷ _____!

A: Totally. I can't stand ⁸ _____, either. When I'm with a friend I want to talk to them, not sit and watch them on their phone!

B **2.08** | You are B in Ex 4A. Listen and speak after the beep. Record the conversation if you can.

C Listen to your recording and compare it to Ex 4A.