

Keeping a conversation going

REAL WORLD 1.1

1 a Choose the best response.

- 1 We'd like to do something more creative than yoga.
 - a What's it like?
 - b What sort of writing?
 - c Like what, exactly?
- 2 I can't stand exams.
 - a Why's that?
 - b Such as?
 - c Don't you?
- 3 I'm doing a jewellery-making class at the moment.
 - a How do you mean?
 - b How's it going?
 - c Like what, exactly?
- 4 Richard wants to learn Chinese.
 - a In what way?
 - b How's it going?
 - c Does he?

b Match conversations 1–4 in 1a to the next lines a–d.

- a 4 Yes, he needs it for work.
- b Bad memories from school, really.
- c We're not sure. Maybe carpentry.
- d Really well. I love it.

2 Complete conversations 1–5 with the correct question word and preposition.

Who What How long Who Where

with from for about to

1

SAM Clare is starting her own business.

DAN Really? Who with ?

SAM It's just her at the moment.

2

PAUL Alex has written a screenplay.

KATE No way! _____ ?

PAUL It's a thriller, I think. But I don't know the story or anything.

3

ROB We've got to give in our application forms soon.

AMY _____ ? Do you know?

ROB I think you can just leave them with the secretary.

4

TIM I got this camera for less than half price.

CHRIS Did you? _____ ?

TIM On a website my brother told me about.

5

SARA Our teacher's going away next week.

LUIS _____ ?

SARA Almost a fortnight, I think.

3 Fill in the gaps in the conversation. Use between one and three words.

JIM Clare! Hi!

CLARE Jim! What a coincidence. I was thinking about you recently.

JIM ¹ Were you? Why ² _____ that?

CLARE I was wondering if you're still doing that jewellery class.

JIM No, I gave that up a few months ago.

CLARE ³ _____ come?

JIM Well, we moved house in March, so it's a bit far.

CLARE Really? ⁴ _____ to?

JIM Near here, actually. On Shelford Street. Anyway,

⁵ _____ going? Are you still teaching?

CLARE Yes, but not for much longer, thankfully.

JIM What ⁶ _____ mean?

CLARE Well, I'm starting my own training business.

JIM ⁷ _____ of training?

CLARE Presentations, mainly.

JIM You've always been good at that kind of thing,

⁸ _____ ? I guess teaching helps.

CLARE Absolutely. Anyway, enough about me. What's

Shelford Street ⁹ _____ ?

JIM Great. It's a much bigger place than our old one.

Of course, life is a little different these days.

CLARE Different? In ¹⁰ _____ ?

JIM Well, since we had the baby ...

CLARE A baby? Congratulations! I had no idea!