**1** **What's the best and worst way to tell a friend that you have to cancel an arrangement to meet?**

**2** 20 2.36 **Watch or listen to Part 1 of a story and answer the questions.**

1 Why does Sally ask for Claire's advice?
2 What advice does Claire give to Sally in the end?
3 What would you do if you were Sally?
4 How do you think Jane will feel when Sally calls her to explain?

**3** 21 2.37 **Watch or listen to Part 2 of the story. How are Jane's and Sally's situations similar?**

**4** **Complete the Speaking box with the words from the box.**

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## SPEAKING | Asking for, giving and reacting to advice

**Asking for advice**

I [1] *wonder* if you could give me some advice.
What do you think I should/ought to do?
Do you think I need to/should ...?
I've got a bit of a [2] _____ and I don't know what to do.
I've no idea how/what to ...
I'd really appreciate your advice.
I'm at (a bit of) a loss.

**Giving advice**

You could/ should(n't)/ought (not) to...
I (don't) think you should ...
You'd [3] _____ (just) tell her the truth.*
You'd better not do this ...
It's probably (not) a good idea to ...
The first/best thing to do is ...
If I [4] _____ you, I'd go to Paris.

**Reacting to advice**

Thanks. That's really [5] _____.
You're right, that's good advice, thanks.
I never thought of that, (it's a) good idea.
I don't know if it'll work but I'll give it a try.
I [6] _____ of that but I'm pretty sure ...
I thought about doing that but ...

* strong advice, similar to 'you have to'

**5** **Choose the correct answers to complete the dialogues.**

1 **A** I really can't go to Pam's party ... I'm thinking of making an excuse and telling her I'm not feeling well. Do you think that's a good idea?
**B** **a** No, I don't think you should do that.
**b** That's really helpful, thanks.

2 **A** What do you think I should do: text my friend to cancel our plans, or give her a call?
**B** **a** I never thought of that, good idea.
**b** If I were you, I'd call her.

3 **A** I'm afraid my friend won't understand. I've no idea what to tell him.
**B** You'd better talk to your mom, she'll know what to do.
**A** **a** I'd really appreciate your advice.
**b** I don't know if she can help me but I'll give it a try.

4 **A** I'm at a loss. How can I tell Susan that she can't visit me this Saturday? I have a cold!
**B** **a** I thought about doing that, but it will not work.
**b** You should explain the situation and invite her on a different weekend.

**6** **In pairs, offer advice in these situations. Use the language from the Speaking box.**

- Your friend is thinking of shaving his/her head.
- Your cousin wants to become a vegan.
- Your friend wants to drop out of school and get a job in a burger bar.

**A** *I'm thinking of shaving my head.*
**B** *If I were you, I wouldn't do it.*

**7** **In groups, ask for and give advice about real or invented problems. Use the language from the Speaking box.**

**A** *My parents won't let me buy a motorbike. What should I do?*
**B** *If I were you I'd listen to them, it's a dangerous sport.*



☐ I can ask for, give and react to advice on a wide range of sub

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