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Listening skills practice: Difficult situations

Listen to the people discussing different problems and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

1. Preparation

Match the two parts of the sentence to describe difficult situations. Write a – f next to the numbers 1 – 6.

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| 1..... Your bus breaks | a. dies. |
| 2..... You fail | b. up with her. |
| 3..... Your dog | c. an exam. |
| 4..... Your friend's boyfriend breaks | d. your phone. |
| 5..... You leave your | e. down and you are late for school. |
| 6..... Someone steals | f. keys inside the house. |

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a word or phrase from the box.

Friend he failed his exam mum dad her dog got hit by a car
the mobile phone He borrowed got stolen

1. The boy is telling his _____ that _____.
2. The girl is telling her _____ that _____.
3. The boy is telling his _____ that _____.

3. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle True or False for these sentences.

1. A - The boy revised all week for his Economics exam. *True False*
2. A - It wasn't an important exam. *True False*
3. A - His mum is worried about the cost of retaking the course. *True False*
4. B - The girl and the dog were playing in the park. *True False*
5. B - She took Bonzo to the vet's straight away. *True False*
6. B - She had only had Bonzo for a short time. *True False*
7. C - The boy was using the phone when someone stole it. *True False*
8. C - The boy thinks he would recognise the thief. *True False*
9. C - The dad will see if the phone is insured. *True False*