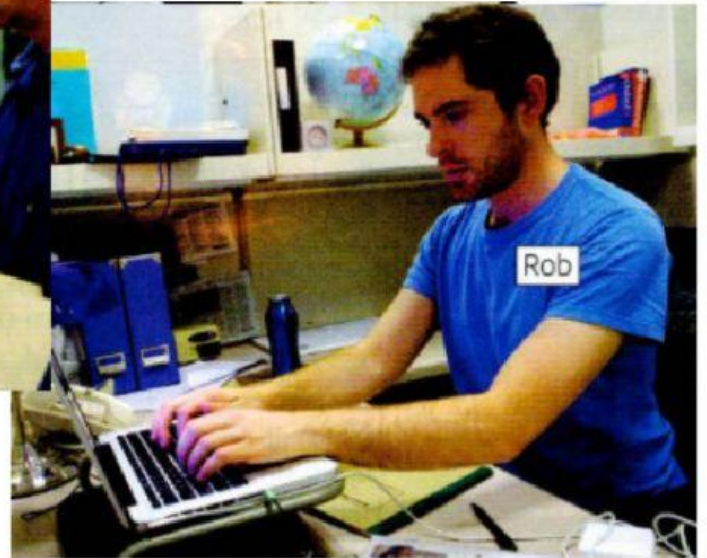
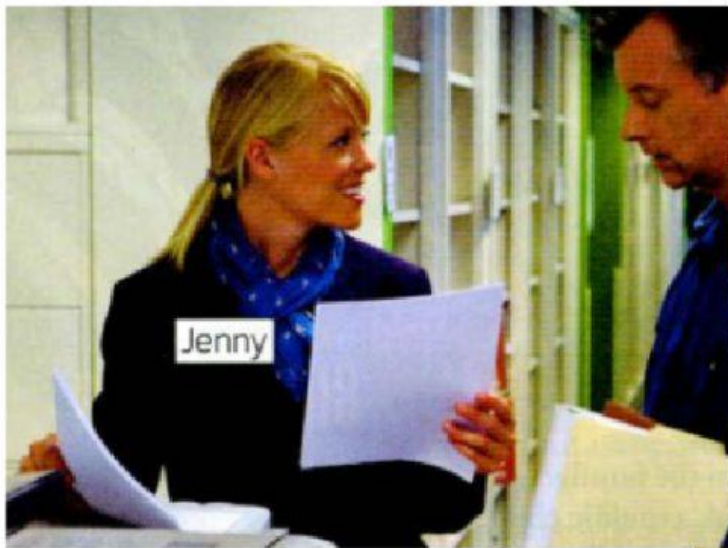


Practical English Meeting the parents



Watch or listen to Jenny and Rob talking. Complete the gaps.

Jenny Zielinski and Rob Walker work for a ¹_____ called New York. ²⁴ seven. She's American and he's ²_____. Rob came to New York a few ³_____ ago. He had met Jenny when she went to ⁴_____ on a work trip. They got on very well, and he was offered a job for a month in ⁵_____. Later he was offered a ⁶_____ job. Jenny helped Rob ⁷_____ an apartment, and they are enjoying life in the USA, although Rob misses his friends and ⁸_____.



British and American English
apartment = American English
flat = British English

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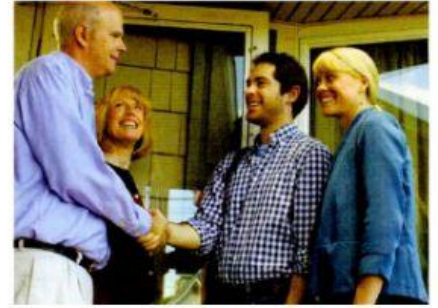


REACTING TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY

- a** **1 29**))) Watch or listen to Jenny introducing Rob to her parents. What bad news does Rob have for Jenny? What good news does Jenny have for her parents?

b Watch or listen again and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Correct the **F** sentences.

- 1 Rob left the chocolates at the office.
- 2 Rob's desk is usually very tidy.
- 3 It's the second time that Rob has met Jenny's parents.
- 4 Sally has prepared a big dinner.
- 5 Jenny's new job is Managing Director.
- 6 Jenny is going to be Rob's manager.



c 1 30))) Look at some extracts from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

- 1 Jenny Don't forget the chocolates.
Rob OK. Oh _____!
Jenny I don't _____ it. Don't tell me you forgot them?
Rob I think they're still on my desk.
Jenny _____ kidding.
- 2 Jenny Mom, I'm really sorry – we bought you some chocolates, but we left them at the office.
Sally What a _____ mind.
- 3 Jenny But I also have some good news.
Sally _____? What's that?
- 4 Sally So you've got a promotion? _____
fantastic!
Harry That's great _____!
- 5 Sally Let's go and have dinner.
Jenny What a _____ ideal!

1 31))) Watch or listen and repeat the phrases in the chart below. Copy the rhythm and intonation.

REACTING TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY

What you say when you hear...	
something surprising	You're kidding. I don't believe it.
something interesting	Really?
some good news	How fantastic! That's great news! What a great idea!
some bad news	Oh no! What a pity. Never mind.



How + adjective, What + noun

We often use *How + adjective* or *What + noun* to respond to what people say.

How interesting! How awful! How amazing!

What a pity! What a good idea! What terrible news!

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- a** 1 32))) Watch or listen to the after dinner conversation. Does the evening end well or badly?
- b** Watch or listen again and answer the questions.
- 1 What university did Jenny go to?
 - 2 Is Harry impressed by Rob's job? Why (not)?
 - 3 What does Harry like doing in his free time?
 - 4 Who are most of the photos in the dining room of?
 - 5 Who are Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Wynton Marsalis?
 - 6 What surprises Harry about Rob?