5 21 Listen to a conversation between Rosemary and Iris. What has happened to Jack and Emma? Listen again and answer the questions.

1 Jack and Emma are the woman's...
   a neighbors. b friends. c children.
2 Rosemary thinks she heard them having...
   a a conversation.
   b a party.
   c an argument.
3 According to Rosemary, Emma said she was...
   a seeing another man.
   b looking for a new job.
   c going to stay with her mother.
4 She said she had...
   a left the dog with a neighbor.
   b left the children with her sister.
   c left the dinner in the microwave.
5 Iris is going to...
   a tell her husband.
   b tell her family.
   c tell another neighbor.

Now, listen to what Jack and Emma *really* said that night. Use the private comments from the Google Classroom activity and write a small paragraph explaining what **really** happened that night.

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3 VOCABULARY *say* or *tell*?

Complete the sentences with the right form of *say* or *tell*.

1 "I have a problem," Annie _____.
2 Annie _____ us that she had a problem.
3 Lisa _____ that she was leaving her husband.
4 He _____ the teacher that he had left his homework at home.
5 His teacher _____ that he didn't believe him.
6 Can you _____ Mark that I can't meet him tonight?
7 What did you _____ to her?
8 When I was a child, my mother used to _____ us not to _____ hello to people we didn't know.

5 PRONUNCIATION double consonants

a Look at five groups of words. Match each group to a vowel sound.

1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐

a	gossip	college	dollar	bottle	robber
b	luggage	funny	runner	summer	butterfly
c	written	miss	bitten	different	middle
d	happy	married	cabbage	rabbit	baggage
e	letter	better	message	umbrella	tennis

b 5 25 Listen and check.

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6 READING

HERE'S A SECRET:

Gossip might be good for you

We all enjoy gossiping about people we know, although sometimes we might feel guilty about it afterward. However, new research shows that gossiping might be good for us.

Professor McAndrew, a professor of psychology, believes that gossiping is in our genes, and we feel pleasure when we share interesting information. McAndrew says that gossiping is a social skill, and we need to learn to do it well. According to the professor, gossip can be a positive thing when people use it to build connections with other people in their social group. But it can be a negative thing when somebody gossips about another person only to make themselves feel more important in the group.

Professor McAndrew's research also showed that people were happy to pass on good news but only if it was about a friend. They also enjoyed passing on negative information about other people when it was about somebody they disliked.

Another thing that the new study showed was that men and women gossip differently. In general, the men in the study shared gossip with their wives or girlfriends, but not with their male friends. Women however, gossiped with both partners and friends.

Adapted from a newspaper

a Read the article and mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false).

1 We sometimes feel bad after we gossip.
2 Professor McAndrew says that we are programmed to gossip.
3 Gossiping can be good or bad – it depends on why we do it.
4 People enjoy sharing bad news about people they like.
5 Men gossip with their friends more than with their family.

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