

Practical English A difficult celebrity

giving opinions

1  ROB'S INTERVIEW

a  3.28 Watch or listen to Rob interviewing Kerri. What is she happy and not happy to talk about?



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

- 1 Kerri's song is about love.
- 2 Kerri plays in a band.
- 3 She used to go out with a member of the band.
- 4 Only one of her parents was a musician.
- 5 Kerri started playing the guitar when she was six.
- 6 Her new album is very different from the previous ones.
- 7 She's been recording and touring recently.
- 8 She's going to give a big concert in New York.

2  GIVING OPINIONS

a  3.29 Watch or listen to the conversation at lunch. What do they disagree about?

b Watch or listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 What does Kerri think about...?
 - a the waiters in New York compared to London
 - b people in New York compared to London
- 2 Who agrees with Kerri? Who disagrees? What do they think?
- 3 Who phones Rob? What about?



c **3.30** Look at some extracts from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

1 Kerri , I think people in London are a lot more easy-going. London's just not as hectic as New York.
 Don Sure, we all like peace and quiet. But in my , New York is possibly...well, no, is definitely the greatest city in the world. Don't you ?
 Kerri To be , I definitely prefer London.
 Don Come on, Rob. You've lived in both. What do you ?

2 Don OK, I . London has its own peculiar charm. But if you me, nothing compares with a city like New York. The whole world is here!
 Kerri But that's the problem. It's too big. There are too many people. Everybody's so stressed out. And nobody has any time for you.
 Jenny I don't think that's , Kerri. New Yorkers are very friendly.
 Kerri Oh , they can sound friendly with all that 'Have a nice day' stuff.

d **3.31** Watch or listen and repeat the highlighted phrases. Copy the rhythm and intonation.

e Practise the conversations in c with a partner.

f In small groups, practise giving opinions. Discuss the following sentences.

The best place to live is in a big city.
 Cycling is the most practical way to get around big cities.
 You only get good service in expensive restaurants.
 It's irritating when people in shops or restaurants say *Have a nice day!*

3 A SURPRISE FOR KERRI

a **3.32** Watch or listen to the end of the lunch. Why is Kerri surprised?

 **British and American English**
 cell phone = American English
 mobile phone = British English

b Watch or listen again and complete the information.

- 1 Kerri thinks the waitress is friendly when they leave because Don...
- 2 Jenny is worried because she thinks Rob...
- 3 Kerri thinks that the taxi driver is very...

c Look at the **Social English** phrases. Can you remember any of the missing words?

Social English

- 1 Jenny Did you what you said in the restaurant, Rob?
- 2 Jenny It's that you seemed so homesick in there.
- 3 Rob Oh, on a minute.
- 4 Rob Our taxi's come .
- 5 Kerri That was so of him!

d **3.33** Watch or listen and complete the phrases. Then watch or listen again and repeat.

e Complete conversations A–E with **Social English** phrases 1–5. Then practise them with a partner.

A	Are you ready? The taxi's waiting.	I think so. Oh, <u> </u> . I've left my charger upstairs.
B	Are you sure you don't want to come on holiday with us?	I'd like to come. <u> </u> I'm not sure if I can afford it.
C	Did Mark drive you all the way home?	Yes, it was <u> </u> .
D	How long are you going to be in Prague?	Just three days. I <u> </u> on Sunday night.
E	<u> </u> about paying for the tickets?	Yes, absolutely. It's my birthday present to you!

CAN YOU...?

-  interview someone or be interviewed
-  give your opinion about something
-  agree or disagree with other people's opinions

