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UNIT 7

Connections



FILL IN THE GAPS WITH THE MISSING PHRASAL AND IDIOMS.
EVERYDAY ENGLISH. I WAS OUT OF LINE (P.86 & 87)



Part 1

MAX Excuse me a moment, I'll have to take this ... Hi Wendy ... Yes, I agree, we do need to ①.....

I'm with someone right now though. Can I call you back? Yes. OK. Speak later. Bye. Sorry about that.

SARA No worries. Sometimes it can't be avoided.

M It was my publisher asking about another book.

S Oh? Most writers would be ②.....to get the opportunity to write a second novel.

M Yeah, but I'm not sure I could, even if I wanted to.

S I'm sure that's not true, Max. I'm sure you'll ③.....something soon. Hey, y'know, Alex had a good idea yesterday, for more to the *Solar Wind* story.

M Alex?

S Yeah. You know how we said a sequel is impossible ... Well, he said you ought to write a prequel. Y'know ... Tell the story of what happens before *Solar Wind*.

M So, you've been ④.....with my sister's boyfriend?

S Well, yes, I thought it might be a good idea ...

M I think it's a bit ⑤.....!

S Sorry?

M First, you hide the fact that you're a journalist. Then, you go gossiping about me to the whole world! ⑥.....!

S Well, I wouldn't say Alex is the whole world, exactly.

M To be perfectly honest, I'm not sure I can ⑦..... another interview.

S You're right. I was ⑧.....

M People ⑨..... in! I've had it up to here with it!

S Max, please, it's not like that! I'm sorry, it was inexcusable of me to pretend I was a fan, but ... I think you're overreacting here.

M Maybe so, but I think we had better ⑩..... Please don't bother me again.



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Part 2

EMMA Oh, hello Max! Take a look at this house. Isn't it gorgeous?

MAX Yeah, nice.

E Look, it's dead cool. This website allows you to take a virtual tour around the house.

M Right. But surely that price is **11** your league.

E Yeah, but I thought ... for you.

M Me? Why?

E Well, you need somewhere to live.

M Why don't you just **12** it? You're throwing me out!

E No, no, no, of course not.

Look, there's no need to get so **13** about it!

M Why is everyone trying to organise my life for me today?

First Sara, now you!

E Max!

M Why doesn't everyone just **14** my back?!

E Look, calm down, Max. I'm sorry. That wasn't very tactful of me, was it? But, y'know, you do need a place of your own. We both do, to be honest.

M You're right. As always.

E Max.

M I'm sorry I overreacted. I don't know what **15** me. I've just been really stressed recently. But I had no right to **16** it you like that.

E It's OK. We all **17** from time to time.

M Me more than most!

E Hmm. What were you saying about Sara?

M Oh. Apparently, she and Alex have been discussing my next book. Alex's got a brilliant idea, I'm told.

E Oh, I see. And what's that?

M Well, that I should write a prequel.

E Not a bad idea.

M Do you honestly think that that idea hasn't crossed my mind?!

E Oh, Max! Don't get all angry again, please!

M Well, for goodness' sake! I'm **18** being completely misunderstood all the time!

E Well, if you've had that idea, why haven't you done anything about it?

M Well ... you wouldn't understand.

E Try me! Y'know this is just typical you! Constantly whining about how nobody understands you, but given half the chance, you can't be bothered to explain what's going on in that big head of yours.

M Emma! All right then, fine. I'll tell you. I'm scared that I'll ruin *Solar Wind* by writing something rubbish that everyone hates.

E What?

M I'm scared, Em.

E Do you remember that time you wrote that short story for the school newspaper?

M Not really.



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E Oh, come on, you do so. What was it called ... ? Um ...

M Solar Breeze.

E It wasn't, was it? Anyway, you write that story, the whole school loves it, Mum and Dad are beside themselves with pride, as are you, and Miss Hall suggests you enter the National Short Story competition. Do you remember?

M Yes.

E And what a hoo-ha that was! You were entering the competition, you weren't entering the competition, you were, you weren't. Mum, Dad and I had to endure listening to at least 30 versions of it – sometimes even in the middle of the night. We all went without sleep for about three weeks.

M Emma, look, I know where you're going with this, OK.

E Good! And in the end, you won first prize! And I was so proud of you, Max.

M You were?

E Yeah! Because the thing about my big brother is ... he always 19 Am I right, or am I right?

M You're right.

E And tell me, how did you leave it with Sara?

M Sara? I guess I overreacted there too, if I'm honest. Well, I had a 20 at her, actually.

Stormed off ... I know what you're thinking. Right again. I'd better ring and apologise.

E Yeah, I think you'd better do that, Max.

NOW, LET'S WORK ON THE MEANINGS OF THE EXPRESSIONS. DRAG AND DROP THE MEANINGS NEXT TO THE EXPRESSIONS FROM THE LISTENING EXERCISE.

Part 1

1. To talk (something) through

=number 1 To unwillingly complete an action

2. To be over the moon

Breaking the rules (=out of order)

3. To come up with

4. talking this through

To stop doing sth To be very pleased

5. To be out of order

Gossiping It's not fair, it's unacceptable

6. It's not on

7. To go through with

To discuss thoroughly Unacceptable behaviour

8. To be out of line

To propose, to present (especially, when pressured)

9. To poke one's nose into something

10. Let's call it a day

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Part 2

11. To be way out of

To be annoyed, bored To succeed

12. To come out with

To be honest, to speak your mind

13. To be worked up

14. To get off

To be unable to control their temper To happen to me

15. To come over

To be upset or very excited about sth.

16. To take out on

17. To lose it

To be very far away from To treat someone badly

18. To be fed up of

To criticise so strongly To stop bothering so

19. To pull it off

20. To have a bit of a go at someone

