

FRIENDS

LANGUAGE FOR LIFE

1  1.07 Listen to three conversations between friends. Are these statements true or false?

- a Cathy meets her friends by chance. T F c Cathy makes plans to meet her friends again. T F
 b The friends are all in a hurry. T F

2 Work with a partner. Underline the most natural sounding alternatives (1-5).



- a Cathy: Hey! How's it going?
 Harry: Not bad.
 Cathy: What have you been up to lately?
 Harry: (1) I haven't done a lot really. / Not a lot, really. What about you?
 Cathy: (2) Oh, I've been doing this and that. / Oh, this and that.
 Harry: Hey, I have to run. I'll give you a call.



- b Cathy: Hello, stranger!
 Jim: Cathy! How's life?
 Cathy: Great! What are you up to these days?
 Jim: (3) Oh, keeping busy, you know. / Oh, I'm keeping busy, you know.
 Cathy: You should come over for dinner some time.
 Jim: That would be great. Better get back to the office. See you.



- c Cathy: Hi. How are things going?
 Ed: Fine. What about you?
 Cathy: (4) Oh, things are pretty good. / Oh, pretty good. Are you doing anything special this weekend?
 Ed: (5) No, just taking it easy. / No, I'm just taking it easy.
 Cathy: Me, too.
 Ed: Sorry, I can't stop. Take care.

3 Complete the table with the highlighted useful phrases from the conversations.

Greetings	How's it going?	a <u>How's life?</u>	b _____
Saying things are OK	Not bad.	c _____	d _____
Asking for news	What have you been up to lately?	e _____	
Saying you're in a hurry	Hey, I have to run.	f _____	g _____
Goodbyes	I'll give you a call.	h _____	i _____