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Speaking

Understanding a conversation

VIDEO



CAN YOU SAY THAT AGAIN?

- Bea: Hi, Carla. You know I'm staying in London with my gran? Well, there's an exhibition on Hyperloop at the Transport Museum and ...
- Carla: Sorry, I didn't catch that. Hyper what?
- Bea: Hyperloop! It's like a train but cooler. I just wanted to ask if you'd like to come and see it tomorrow.
- Carla: That might be fun. Yeah!
- The next day ...*
- Carla: Hi, I'm at the station. How do I get there? Should I take a bus?
- Bea: No, you shouldn't take a bus. The tube's better.
- Carla: Sorry, what was that?
- Bea: I was just saying you can take the underground. It's the Piccadilly line.
- Carla: Can you say that again? I didn't get the last part.
- Bea: I said you have to take the Piccadilly line.
- Carla: Sorry, but could you speak more loudly? It's really noisy here. I can't hear a thing.
- Bea: Take the Piccadilly line to Covent Garden. It's the third stop. You can walk from there.
- Carla: OK, thanks. See you soon.

*Later ...*

- Bea: You made it!
- Carla: Thanks to your directions. Sorry, I couldn't hear you before.
- Bea: Oh, never mind. You're here now. Let's go!

SOUNDS GOOD!

I can't hear a thing. •
You made it! • Never mind.

- Have you ever had problems finding your way around a city? What did you do? Discuss in pairs.
- 33 6.15 Watch or listen and answer the questions.
 - Why does Bea call Carla at the start of the dialogue?
 - Why does Carla find it hard to understand Bea?
 - How does Carla get from the station to the museum?
- Did Bea's instructions help Carla find the way? Why/why not? Discuss in pairs.

SET FOR LIFE



- 4 What can you do to make sure you understand the information someone is giving you? Discuss in pairs. Use the ideas below to help you.

- listen carefully
- ask for clarification if you don't understand
- ask for more information
- repeat the information with your own words

- 5 Study the Speaking box. Find examples of the phrases in the dialogue.

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Asking for clarification

- Sorry, I didn't catch that. What was that?
Can you say that again?
Sorry, I didn't get the first/last part.
Could you speak more loudly/more slowly?

Clarifying

- What I said/asked was ... I said (that) ...
I was just saying ... I just wanted to ask (you) if/about ...

- 6 Complete the dialogue with phrases from the Speaking box. Sometimes more than one answer is possible. In pairs, practise the dialogue.

- A: We're going to Italy on holiday this summer.
B: Sorry, ¹ _____ .
A: What ² _____ we're going to Italy this summer. I just ³ _____ if you wanted to go with us.
B: Great, thanks! I'll have to get a passport.
A: ⁴ _____ ?
B: I was ⁵ _____ I need to get a passport.
A: Could ⁶ _____ ? I couldn't hear you.
B: ⁷ _____ I need a passport.

YOUR WORLD

- 7 In pairs, go to page 137 and role play the situations.