

Business communication

1 Sondra is discussing the progress of an HR project with Dimitri. Choose the best answer (a–c) from 1–8 below to complete their conversation.

Sondra OK, Dimitri. What's the current ¹ _____ of the staff satisfaction survey?

Dimitri Well, on the whole, we're ² _____. We've received replies from the questionnaires, but we haven't collated the answers yet.

Sondra You do know the regional HR conference date ³ _____ for next month, don't you?

Dimitri Yes, but we've ⁴ _____ with IT. They haven't set up the database for us yet, to collate the results.

Sondra So the real problem ⁵ _____ IT's time management?

Dimitri Partly, yes.

Sondra How about ⁶ _____ as much of the report as you can?

Dimitri That's ⁷ _____, but until we have results from the survey, there's nothing to put in the report.

Sondra So what you're really ⁸ _____ is, without the database you can't continue?

Dimitri Err, yes.

1 a stand b status c view

2 a up to scratch b in the lane c on track

3 a had set b had already set
c has already been set

4 a knocked a problem b come to a problem
c hit a problem

5 a lies with b stands with c sits with

6 a to prepare b prepared c preparing

7 a likely b possible c probable

8 a saying b telling c talking