1 7.3 Listen and repeat the phrases.

SPEAKING Clarifying and rephrasing

Asking for clarification
What do/did you mean?
Do/Did you mean this one? Like this?
Are you saying/suggesting I should do it again?
When you say/said 'off-topic', what do/did you mean?
When you say/said 'off-topic', do/did you mean 'not related'?

Giving clarification
Sorry, I meant to say turn it on. What I meant was turn it on.
What I am/was saying/trying to say is/was turn it on.
When I said another colour, I meant blue.
No, I don't/didn't mean to do it all again.
That's not what I mean/meant.

Rephrasing
In other words, keep it simple.
That's to say don't make it too difficult.
Let me put it another way.

2 Match the sentence halves.

1 [e] In other
2 [ ] What
3 [ ] Let me
4 [ ] Like
5 [ ] What I was trying
6 [ ] When you said 'LOL',

a this?
b what did you mean?
c do you mean?
d to say was that they're not popular these days.
e words, make sure you're prepared.
f put it another way.

3 Order the words to make sentences.

1 mean / left / did / you / ?
Did you mean left?
2 said / meant / green, / blue / I / I / when / I
3 suggesting / we / are / don't / it / do / you / ?
4 meant / not / that's / I / what
5 meant / sorry, / I / say / right / to

4 Complete the dialogues with question tags.

1 A: Did you like the film?
B: Yes, it was good, *wasn't it*?
2 A: You don't like cheese, _____?
B: No, I hate it!
3 A: Are you looking for Chiara?
B: Yes, I am. You haven't seen her, _____?
4 A: I love running.
B: Oh yes, you ran in a race last week, _____?
5 A: Harry never does his homework, _____?
B: I know. I think he's going to fail the exam.

5 7.4 Complete the dialogue with one word in each gap. Listen and check.

Sam: Hey, Ellie, can you help me?
Ellie: Sure, what's up?
Sam: I've got to give a presentation in Science tomorrow, and …
Ellie: … And you want me to do your homework for you, don't you?
Sam: No, that's [1]*not* what I mean. What I was [2]_____ to say was that I have all the information, but I'm just not good with the presentation software. My slides don't look very good.
Ellie: Ah, I see, sorry. Yes, I can help you with that. So the first thing you need is a good image for the title slide.
Sam: [3]_____ this?
Ellie: Hmm … not really. [4]_____ I meant was something connected to the topic of the presentation.
Sam: Well, the presentation is on the life cycle of plants. So are you [5]_____ a nice image of a plant or flower would be good?
Ellie: Yes, or something with circles in it.
Sam: What do you [6]_____?
Ellie: Let me [7]_____ it another way. The topic is the life cycle of plants, so circles could represent that in a sort of abstract way. In [8]_____ words, it's still connected to the topic, but not directly.
Sam: Ah right, good idea.

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