

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 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 *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.