# Listening skills practice: Difficult situations – exercises

Listen to the people discussing different problems and do the exercises to practise and improve your listening skills.

## 1. Preparation

Match the two parts of the sentence to describe difficult situations. Write a – f next to the numbers 1 – 6.

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| 1…….. | Your bus breaks | a. | dies. |
| 2…….. | You fail | b. | up with her. |
| 3…….. | Your dog | c. | an exam. |
| 4 ..... | Your friend's boyfriend breaks | d. | your phone. |
| 5…….. | You leave your | e. | down and you are late for school. |
| 6…….. | Someone steals | f. | keys inside the house. |

## 2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a word or phrase from the box.

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| friend | he failed his exam | mum |
| dad | her dog got hit by a car | the mobile phone he borrowed got stolen |

1. The boy is telling his _____ that _____ _.
2. The girl is telling her _____ that _____ _.
3. The boy is telling his _____ that _____ _.



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## 3. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | A - The boy revised all week for his Economics exam. | *True* | *False* |
| 2. | A - It wasn't an important exam. | *True* | *False* |
| 3. | A - His mum is worried about the cost of retaking the course. | *True* | *False* |
| 4. | B - The girl and the dog were playing in the park. | *True* | *False* |
| 5. | B - She took Bonzo to the vet's straight away. | *True* | *False* |
| 6. | B - She had only had Bonzo for a short time. | *True* | *False* |
| 7. | C - The boy was using the phone when someone stole it. | *True* | *False* |
| 8. | C - The boy thinks he would recognise the thief. | *True* | *False* |
| 9. | C - The dad will see if the phone is insured. | *True* | *False* |

| **Have you been in any difficult situations?** |
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| What happened? |

| **Vocabulary Box** Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson. |
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