

## 2.6

# Speaking

## Criticising and explaining

### 1 2.03 Listen and repeat the phrases.

#### SPEAKING Criticising and explaining

##### Criticising

What's going on?

Why did you do that?

##### Explaining and apologising

I can explain. I'm so sorry. I thought it was wrong.

I didn't mean to break it. I didn't realise it was yours.

##### Accepting explanations and apologies

I see. That's all right. Never mind.

### 2 Choose the correct option.

- 1 Why did you *mean / do* that? It wasn't fair.
- 2 I can *explain / realise*. It was Bob's fault.
- 3 Never *see / mind*. We can buy a new one.
- 4 That's *sorry / all right*. I know you didn't mean to upset me.
- 5 I didn't *realise / explain* it was yours. Sorry.
- 6 I *see / mind*. Just don't do it again.

### 3 Order the words to make sentences.

- 1 did / take / why / you / my / laptop / ?

*Why did you take my laptop?*

- 2 thought / I / it / mine / was / .

- 3 on / what's / going / ?

- 4 hurt / didn't / you / mean / I / to / .

### 4 Complete the dialogues with these words.

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- 1 A: What's going *on*? Why are you in my room?

B: I *can* explain. I heard a strange noise.  
I *thought* it was a mouse.

A: I *never*.

- 2 A: Why *did* you wake me up? It's the middle of the night.

B: I didn't mean *to*. I *didn't* realise you were sleeping.

A: *Never* mind. Now go to bed!

- 3 A: I'm *so* sorry. I was using your phone and I dropped it. The screen smashed.

B: *That's* all right.

### 5 Choose the correct response.

- 1 You lost my phone! Why did you take it without asking?
  - a I thought it was your phone.
  - b I didn't mean to lose it.
  - c Never mind.
- 2 Hey! Look at this big spider!
  - a I didn't mean to scare you.
  - b Oh, I'm sorry. I didn't realise.
  - c Why did you do that? I hate spiders!
- 3 I'm so sorry. The dog ate your sandwich.
  - a I see. That's all right.
  - b What's going on?
  - c Oh, I didn't realise.
- 4 What's going on? Why are you riding my bike?
  - a Why did you do that?
  - b I can explain. I thought it was OK to use it.
  - c I see. It's sunny today.

### 6 2.04 Complete the dialogues with one word in each gap. Listen and check.

- 1 Ella: Jack, where's my concert ticket from last night?

Jack: I put it in the bin.

Ella: *Why* did you do that?

Jack: I *never* you didn't want it.

Ella: Of course I want it – I want to keep it as a souvenir!

- 2 Tom: Look at this mess. What's going *on*?

Lisa: Err, I can *see*. I was trying to do some cooking and things went a bit wrong ...

Tom: Mum's coming home soon.

Lisa: I didn't *mean* to make a mess.

Tom: I *never*. I can help you clear it up.

- 3 Kim: Why is my jumper all wet?

Dora: I washed it for you.

Kim: *Why?* It wasn't dirty.

Dora: I'm so *sorry*. I wore it today and I dropped hot chocolate all over it.

Kim: OK. That's all *right*. But next time – ask me!