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.**

can did didn't never ~~on~~ see
so that's thought to

1 A: What's going *on*? Why are you in my room?
B: I _____ explain. I heard a strange noise. I _____ it was a mouse.
A: I _____.

2 A: Why _____ you wake me up? It's the middle of the night.
B: I didn't mean _____. I _____ realise you were sleeping.
A: _____ mind. Now go to bed!

3 A: I'm _____ sorry. I was using your phone and I dropped it. The screen smashed.
B: _____ 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 _____ 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 _____?
Lisa: Err, I can _____. I was trying to do some cooking and things went a bit wrong …
Tom: Mum's coming home soon.
Lisa: I didn't _____ to make a mess.
Tom: I _____. 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 _____. I wore it today and I dropped hot chocolate all over it.
Kim: OK. That's all _____. But next time – ask me!

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