

38/ Ways of speaking

Words you need...



- ▶ **to argue** to speak in an angry way with someone, saying that you do not agree with them
- ▶ **an argument** when people speak to each other in an angry way because they do not agree about something
- ▶ **a chat** an informal conversation, usually between friends
- ▶ **to chat** to talk with someone in an informal way
- ▶ **to complain** to say that you are not happy about something or that something is wrong
- ▶ **to discuss something** to talk about a subject with someone, giving your opinions
- ▶ **a discussion** a serious conversation about a subject in which you give your opinions
- ▶ **a joke** a short story that you say to make someone laugh
- ▶ **a lie** something that you say that you know is not true
- ▶ **a promise** something that you tell someone you will certainly do
- ▶ **to promise (someone) something** to tell someone that you will certainly do something
- ▶ **to refuse** to say that you will not do or accept something
- ▶ **to shout** to say something in a loud voice
- ▶ **to suggest something (to someone)** to give someone an idea about what they could do
- ▶ **a suggestion** an idea of something that someone could do

Exercise 1

Complete the sentences.

- 1 I had a nice chat with Annie at the party, all about her new boyfriend.
- 2 Ali told me he makes \$80,000 a year and it's not true. It was a _____!
- 3 We had a useful _____ in the meeting today and decided a lot of important things.
- 4 Emma and Paul had an _____ because Emma said Paul was being stupid and Paul got very angry.
- 5 That was a very funny _____ about the elephant and the bucket. It made me really laugh!
- 6 I know I told you I would take you swimming, Molly. I won't forget my _____.

Exercise 2

Match the first part of each sentence (1–6) with the second (a–f).

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| 1 I suggest that we | a the problem with Janet? |
| 2 'Watch out!' | b meet here at three o'clock. |
| 3 Have you discussed | c every day while you're away. |
| 4 I promise to email you | d about money. |
| 5 They are always arguing | e he shouted. |
| 6 We were just | f chatting. |

Exercise 3

Use the words from the box to complete the email. Make sure you use the correct form of the words. Listen and check.

refuse suggestions chat complain
argument promise

Hi Mia,
Hope you're okay. Just wanted to say hi.

Hey, guess what? I saw Josh Lewis in town yesterday. He ¹ complained that he never sees you anymore. He's always liked you! Poor Josh – he was a bit sad. He had a big ² _____ with his girlfriend two weeks ago and now she ³ _____ to see him! 😞

I felt sorry for him so I ⁴ _____ to arrange a night out together. (I *must* remember!!!)

Call me at the weekend and we'll have a ⁵ _____.

Love, Amy xxx

P.S. It's Mum's birthday next week. Any ⁶ _____ for a present? I have absolutely no ideas!