

Speaking skills practice: A friend in need – exercises

Gemma knows she has done something stupid. Luckily, Makayla is there to listen and offer advice.

Do the preparation exercise first. Then watch the video and follow the instructions to practise your speaking.

Preparation

Match the two parts of the question or sentence and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... Are you | a. matter? |
| 2..... What's the | b. how you feel. |
| 3..... Don't | c. I would ... |
| 4..... I know | d. worry. |
| 5..... If I were you, | e. be careful. |
| 6..... Please | f. OK? |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

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

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| 1. Gemma is stressed and upset. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Gemma sent a photo to Justin. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. Gemma is worried about who else might see the photo. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Makayla thinks everyone will be interested in the photo. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Gemma thinks it's a good idea to ask Justin to delete the photo. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Gemma is angry with Justin. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Gemma likes Makayla's suggestion of speaking to Clare. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. Makayla reminds Gemma not to send any more embarrassing photos. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the dialogue with a phrase from the box.

worry	she do that	you feel	how you feel
won't	careful	I should	embarrassing
delete the photo	the matter	be honest	I were you
			to send it to

- Makayla: Hi Gemma. You look terrible!
- Gemma: Hey Makayla. Mmm, I haven't slept.
- Makayla: Are you OK? What's ¹ _____?
- Gemma: Well, you know that photo I sent to Clare on Friday night?
- Makayla: Yeah?
- Gemma: Well, she sent it to Justin ...
- Makayla: Oh no! How could ² _____? It obviously was only for her.
- Gemma: I know! I thought she'd find it funny.
- Makayla: Well, it was quite funny ... but you didn't expect her ³ _____ anyone.
- Gemma: No, of course not! Especially not Justin! It's so ⁴ _____!
- Makayla: Ah well, don't worry. I know how ⁵ _____ though ...
- Gemma: And what if he puts it on Facebook or something? What if my mum sees it?
- Makayla: No, no, don't ⁶ _____ ... he won't. It's not that interesting for him or anyone else, to ⁷ _____.
- Gemma: But what if he does?
- Makayla: He ⁸ _____. But maybe ask Clare to speak to Justin ... Get him to ⁹ _____?
- Gemma: Yeah ... maybe. But that might just make him even more interested ...
- Makayla: Yeah, true.
- Gemma: What do you think ¹⁰ _____ do?
- Makayla: Mmm... I'd just try to forget about it if ¹¹ _____.
- Gemma: But I'm so annoyed with Clare!

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- Makayla: Maybe speak to Clare, tell her ¹² _____. She shouldn't be sharing people's private photos.
- Gemma: OK, yeah. Thanks for the advice, Makayla. I'll talk to her.
- Makayla: Good idea. And don't worry. Just be ¹³ _____ and don't send any more embarrassing photos!
- Gemma: Yeah, I know, I know ... I won't!

3. Check your understanding: gap fill

Write a word to complete the sentences.

1. Are you OK? You _____ terrible!
2. You know that photo I sent to Clare _____ Friday night?
Makayla: You didn't expect her to send it to anyone.
3. Gemma: No, of course _____!
Gemma: What if he puts it on Facebook or something?
4. Makayla: No, no ... he _____.
5. It's not that interesting for him or _____ else, to _____ honest.
6. Ah, well, don't worry. I know _____ you feel, though.
7. I'd just try to forget about it if I _____ you.
8. Thanks _____ the advice, Makayla.

Discussion

What advice would you give to Gemma?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.