## Practical English Old friends

permission and requests

# 1 D JENNY HAS COFFEE WITH A FRIEND

a ①5.23 Watch or listen to Jenny and Monica. What's Monica's news?





- b Watch or listen again and answer the questions.
  - 1 Who's Scott?
  - 2 When did they get engaged?
  - 3 Who has Monica told the news to?
  - 4 What did she use to do a lot at night? What does she do now?
  - 5 Who's going to organize the wedding?
  - 6 What does Jenny tell Monica about her relationship with Rob?
  - 7 What does Monica think about Rob being British?

### PERMISSION AND REQUESTS

- a ①5.24 Watch or listen. What favor does Rob ask Jenny?
- b Watch or listen again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.
  - 1 Rob orders a cappuccino.
  - 2 Rob says Monica looks different from her photos.
  - 3 Monica gets a good impression of Rob.
  - 4 Monica leaves because she has to go to work.
  - 5 Jenny says that most of their friends aren't in serious relationships.
  - 6 Paul is going to stay for two weeks.
  - 7 Paul used to be very quiet when they were younger.
  - 8 Jenny is keen to meet Paul.



from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

#### **Asking permission**

1 Rob Do you \_\_\_\_\_ if I join you?
Monica Of \_\_\_\_\_ not. Come on, sit down.
2 Rob Is it \_\_\_\_ if we change our plans a bit this week?
Jenny Uh...sure.

### Requests: asking someone to do something

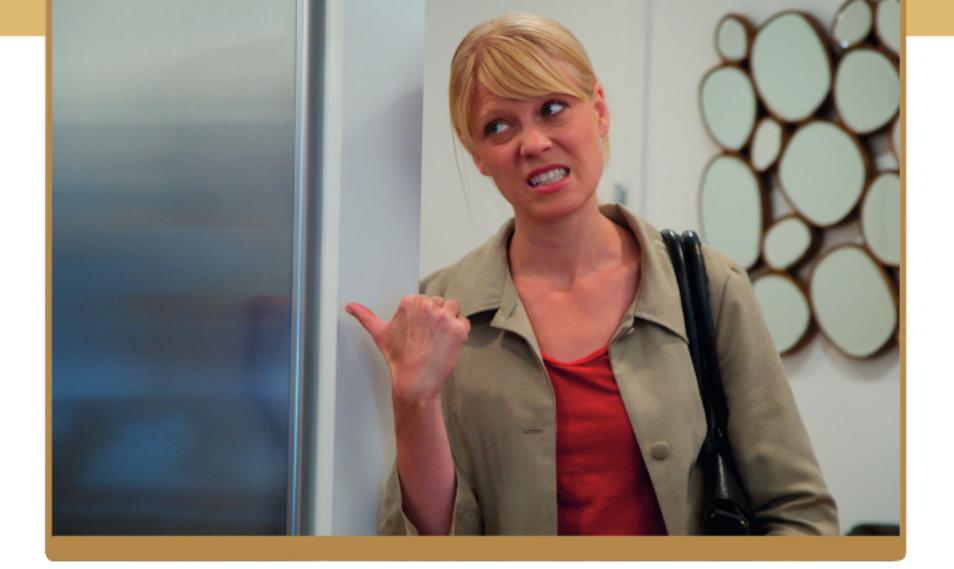
| 3 | Rob   | you pass the sugar?              |  |  |
|---|-------|----------------------------------|--|--|
|   | Jenny |                                  |  |  |
| 4 | Rob   | Could you do me a big            | ? I have to work late  |  |
|   |       | this evening, sowould you mind   | him at   |  |
|   |       | the airport?                     |  |  |
|   | Jenny | at all. I'd like to meet         | him.   |  |
| 5 | Rob   | And do you think you             | take him to my flat?   |  |
|   |       | I'll give you the keys.          |  |  |
|   | Jenny | No, Rob.                         |  |  |
|   | 4     | Jenny<br>4 Rob<br>Jenny<br>5 Rob | Jenny  4 Rob Could you do me a big this evening, sowould you mind the airport?  Jenny at all. I'd like to meet  5 Rob And do you think you |  |

- d Look at the highlighted phrases in c and answer the questions.
  - 1 How do you respond to Do you mind if...? and Would you mind...? when you mean OK, no problem?
  - 2 Which two forms of request should you use if you want to be very polite or are asking a very big favor?
- e **105.26** Watch or listen and repeat the highlighted phrases. Copy the rhythm and intonation.
- **f** Practice the conversations in **c** with a partner.
- g Communication Could you do me a favor?
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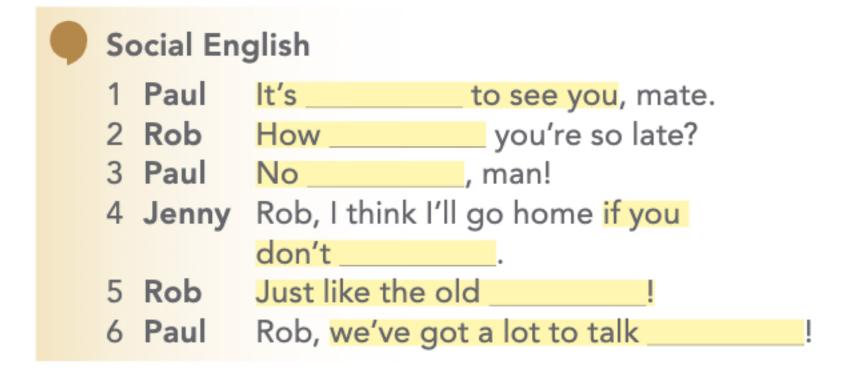
## 3 PAUL ARRIVES

- a ①5.27 Watch or listen. How do Rob and Jenny feel about Paul's arrival?
- **b** Watch or listen again and circle the correct answer.
  - 1 Paul's appearance has changed a lot / hasn't changed much.
  - 2 His flight was on time / late.
  - 3 On the trip from the airport, Paul talked a lot about himself / asked Jenny a lot of personal questions.
  - 4 Rob suggests eating in / eating out.
  - 5 Paul feels exhausted / full of energy.
  - 6 Jenny feels like / doesn't feel like going out.





c Look at the Social English phrases. Can you remember any of the missing words?



- d **35.28** Watch or listen and complete the phrases. Then watch or listen again and repeat.
- e Complete conversations A–F with **Social English** phrases 1–6. Then practice them with a partner.

| Α | Are there any good movies on TV tonight?                           | Actually, I might go to bed early                                    |
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| В | I've called you at least five times. you never called me back?     | I'm really sorry. I left my<br>phone at home and I just<br>got back. |
| С | I can't believe it's so<br>long since we last met!                 | Yes, at least two years.  To start with, I have a new job!           |
| D | Hey Josh!  | Yeah, good to see you too!   |
| Е | Let's have dinner at that Indian restaurant we used to go to.      | Good idea! It'll be  |
| F | OK, so you can clean the bathrooms and I'll clean the living room. | ! I hate cleaning bathrooms.   |

#### CAN YOU...?

- use different expressions to ask permission to do something and respond
- use different expressions to ask another person to do something and respond
- greet someone you haven't seen for a long time