

# Practical English Meeting the parents

reacting to what people say

## 1 REACTING TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY

a Circle the correct answers. ONE or TWO answers may be correct.

- 1 A Kate's going to study abroad for a year!  
B What a great idea! / Oh, no! / What a pity.
- 2 A I left my wallet at home again!  
B How fantastic! / I don't believe it. / You're kidding.
- 3 A I didn't get the job.  
B That's great news! / What a pity. / Never mind.
- 4 A We're getting married!  
B How fantastic! / That's great news! / Oh, no!
- 5 A Dave bought a new car.  
B Never mind. / Really? / What a pity.
- 6 A I lost my phone.  
B Oh, no! / How fantastic! / That's great news!

b Complete the chart with the correct phrases from a.

- 1 Reacting to something surprising  
I don't believe it!
- 2 Reacting to something interesting  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Reacting to some good news  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4 Reacting to some bad news  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 2 HOW + ADJECTIVE, WHAT + NOUN

Complete the phrases with *How* or *What*.

- 1 How interesting!
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_ a good idea!
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_ terrible news!
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_ awful!
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_ amazing!
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ a pity!

## 3 SOCIAL ENGLISH

Complete the conversations with the phrases from the list.

a really nice guy Go ahead How do you see  
How incredible I mean Not really That's because  
things like that

- 1 A What do you think of Isabel's new boyfriend?  
B He's a really nice guy.
- 2 A \_\_\_\_\_ your life in ten years?  
B I think I'll be married and have my own company.
- 3 A I hear you're an excellent swimmer. Would you like to be a professional?  
B \_\_\_\_\_. I don't have enough time to train.
- 4 A I'm sorry. I'm not feeling hungry.  
B \_\_\_\_\_ you ate too much for lunch!
- 5 A You know, I think we went to the same school.  
B \_\_\_\_\_! What a coincidence!
- 6 A Can I have another piece of chicken, please?  
B \_\_\_\_\_. There's more in the kitchen.
- 7 A What kinds of books do you read?  
B Biographies, historical fiction, \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8 A Would you like to come to the concert with us?  
B No, sorry. \_\_\_\_\_, I'd love to, but I'm busy.

# Can you remember...? 1

## 1 GRAMMAR

Complete the sentences.

- Excuse me. The ticket office is closed. What time \_\_\_\_\_ it \_\_\_\_\_?
- Tony's in his room. He \_\_\_\_\_ his homework.
- Sorry, I \_\_\_\_\_ with you. I think you're wrong.
- \_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ a suit to the wedding next Saturday?
- We \_\_\_\_\_ a barbecue on Friday. Would you like to come?
- Don't worry. I promise I \_\_\_\_\_ home late tonight.






## 2 VOCABULARY

Circle the word that is different.

- crab duck lobster squid
- beef chicken lamb salmon
- stepsister niece nephew half-sister
- aunt uncle cousin mother
- affectionate bossy honest patient
- charming moody selfish stubborn

## 3 PRONUNCIATION

Circle the word with a different sound.

 fish	1 grilled siblings reliable squid
 tree	2 beef great niece steamed
 cat	3 anxious family imaginative mature
 car	4 carton charming father jar
 horse	5 four organized pork spoiled

## 4 GRAMMAR & VOCABULARY

Read the article. Circle a, b, or c.

### CHANGING EATING HABITS

Eating habits <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ healthier, according to the results of a government survey. The study <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the food bought by the average family over the last 40 years. One of the greatest differences is the type of milk that people are drinking. Today, many <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ buy skimmed milk rather than full-fat milk for their families. This is probably because of campaigns to help people <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the amount of fat they eat. Another type of food that contains less fat and is very popular today is oven French fries. These are French fries that are <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in the oven without adding fat. It <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that people today are also more adventurous in what they eat. Instead of frozen fish, they're now buying more fresh seafood, such as shrimp and <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_. As for meat, people are eating less <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ and lamb, and more chicken and ground beef. Italian food is extremely popular today and <sup>9</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ pasta is available in supermarkets, as well as the cheaper dried version. In general, nutritionists are happy with the results of the survey and hope that people <sup>10</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ eating healthily in the future.



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|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 a are becoming | b become        | c is becoming   |
| 2 a compare      | b is comparing  | c compares      |
| 3 a nephews      | b parents       | c siblings      |
| 4 a cut down on  | b cut down      | c eat out       |
| 5 a baked        | b boiled        | c steamed       |
| 6 a is seeming   | b seem          | c seems         |
| 7 a cherries     | b grapes        | c mussels       |
| 8 a lobster      | b peach         | c pork          |
| 9 a fresh        | b grilled       | c raw           |
| 10 a continues   | b is continuing | c will continue |