

# 7c | Dilemmas

## SPEAKING

- 1 Read the three situations. Who has the most difficult decision to make?

## At a Crossroads

**Briony** is a single mother with two young children. At work, she is offered promotion, but the new job will involve a lot of travelling – sometimes she will need to be away from home for two weeks at a time. Her parents have offered to look after the children when she is away, but Briony is not sure if she should accept the promotion.

**Eighteen-year-old Steve** receives two letters. In the first, there is an offer of a place at a top university. He has won a scholarship and all his fees will be paid. In the second letter, he receives an offer of a professional contract with a top London football club. He can't do both.

**Pilar (Mexican) and David (British)** live in Mexico. She is a successful doctor, but David is unhappy. He cannot speak very good Spanish, he can't find a good job and he wants to return to England, where he hopes to return to his career as a journalist. Pilar wants her husband to be happy, but she doesn't want to leave her family, friends and career in Mexico.



- 2 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.
  - What advice would you give the three people in exercise 1?
  - Have you ever had an important or difficult decision to make? What was it?


## LISTENING

- 1 1.57 Listen to a conversation between Dave and Derek. Explain why Derek is looking worried.



- 2 1.57 Listen to the conversation again and complete the sentences about the conversation with one word.
  - 1 Derek received some \_\_\_\_\_ news this morning.
  - 2 Dave already knows about the \_\_\_\_\_ in Japan.
  - 3 Derek hasn't decided if he's going to \_\_\_\_\_ it.
  - 4 He thinks that two \_\_\_\_\_ is a long time.
  - 5 Dave's \_\_\_\_\_ used to live in Japan.
  - 6 Dave thinks that Derek and \_\_\_\_\_ are more than good friends.
  - 7 Derek is worried that Avril will say \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 8 Dave thinks that Derek should \_\_\_\_\_ the job.
- 3 Find these phrases in tapescript 1.57 on page 145 and explain them in your own words.
  - 1 It didn't take much to put two and two together.
  - 2 You've got to be joking!
  - 3 Stop dithering!
- 4 What do you think Derek should do? Tell the rest of the class.

## FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: giving advice

- 1  1.57 Listen to the conversation between Derek and Dave again. Complete the sentences in column A with a phrase from column B.

A	B
1 I think you should	a asking her what she'd do.
2 Why don't you	b give him a ring?
3 What you need to do is	c go for it.
4 Have you thought about	d talk to her first thing in the morning.
5 If I were you, I'd	e talk to someone about it.
6 Have you tried	f talking to Avril?
7 There's no harm in	g talking to Camilla?

- 2 Find these responses in tapescript 1.57 on page 145. What advice is Derek reacting to in each case?

- 1 Of course, you're right.
- 2 Do you really think that's a good idea?
- 3 I wouldn't want to do that.
- 4 Well, yes, maybe, but ...
- 5 Oh no, I couldn't.
- 6 I hadn't thought of that.
- 7 I suppose I could give it a go.

- 3 Rearrange the words to make six pieces of advice.

- 1 her dinner take why out to you don't?
- 2 wants she harm asking no what there's her in .
- 3 flowers were I'd her get you if some I .
- 4 weekend to away need what do take her you is for the .
- 5 should theatre her the some get I tickets think you for .
- 6 gift thought voucher giving have her you about a ?

- 4 Read the advice in exercise 3 again. What do you think has happened? Why is the person giving this advice?

## Roleplay

- 5 Work in pairs, A and B. Act out the roleplay.

A: You want some advice about a problem. Turn to page 128.

B: You want to help your friend with a problem. Turn to page 133.

- 6 Now exchange roles.

A: Turn to page 130. B: Turn to page 132.

VOCABULARY: exclamations with *what*

- 1 Match the comments 1–8 with an appropriate response a–h.


- 1 I thought it was something serious, but the doctor said it was nothing really.
- 2 ... and then he said that Slovakia was the capital of the Czech Republic!
- 3 You'll never guess what! For the first time in my life, he bought me some flowers!
- 4 Mum! Look, I've got tomato ketchup all over my T-shirt. And on my trousers, too.
- 5 I thought we were going to win, but the other team scored a goal in the last minute.
- 6 So, she's lost her job, her husband's left her and now she's broken her leg!
- 7 There was no hot water this morning, so I couldn't have a shower.
- 8 I can't remember his address. Oh, I know, I'll see if it's in the phone book.

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| a What a good idea! | e What a relief!   |
| b What a mess!      | f What a shame!    |
| c What a nightmare! | g What a surprise! |
| d What a nuisance!  | h What an idiot!   |


- 2 Work in pairs. Think of four situations in which somebody would say these things.

- What a day!
- What a waste of time!
- What a night!
- What bad luck!

## PRONUNCIATION: intonation (feelings)

- 1  1.58 Listen to this extract from Derek and Dave's conversation. Choose the best explanation of the word *what* in the extract.

- 1 I didn't hear you very well.
- 2 I'm really angry with you.
- 3 I'm really surprised.

- 2  1.59 Now listen to these three words. Match each word with a feeling from the box.

- 1 hello 2 right 3 yes

anger surprise happiness  
boredom interest

- 3 Practise saying the words in exercise 2 with as many different feelings as you can.