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.

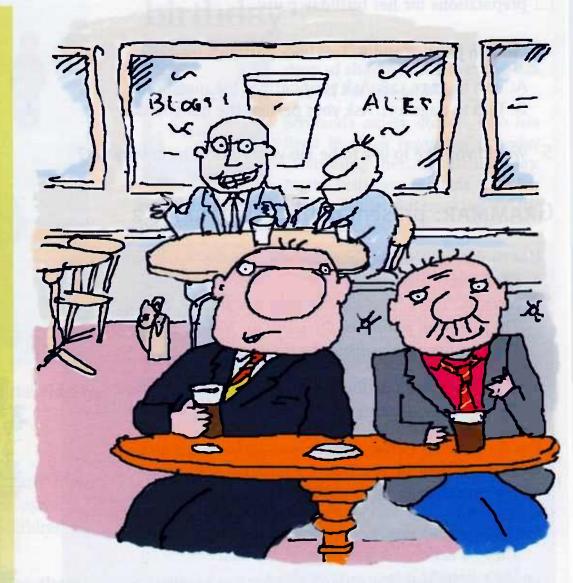
Pilar (Mexican) and David (British) live in Mexico. She is a successful doctor, but David is unhappy. He cannot speak very good Spanish, he can't find a good job and he wants to return to England, where he hopes to return to his career as a journalist. Pilar wants her husband to be happy, but she doesn't 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 States 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.
- 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.
- 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 I think you should 1
- 2 Why don't you
- What you need to do is 3
- Have you thought about
- If I were you, I'd 5
- Have you tried
- There's no harm in

- B
- asking her what she'd do. a
- give him a ring?
- go for it.
- talk to her first thing d in the morning.
- talk to someone about it.
- talking to Avril? f
- talking to Camilla?
- **2** Find these responses in tapescript 1.57 on page 145. What advice is Derek reacting to in each case?
- Of course, you're right.
- Do you really think that's a good idea? 2
- I wouldn't want to do that.
- Well, yes, maybe, but ...
- Oh no, I couldn't.
- I hadn't thought of that.
- I suppose I could give it a go.
- Rearrange the words to make six pieces of advice.
- her dinner take why out to you don't?
- wants she harm asking no what there's her in.
- flowers were I'd her get you if some I.
- weekend to away need what do take her you is for the.
- should theatre her the some get I tickets think you for.
- 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
- 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.
- I thought we were going to win, but the other team scored a goal in the last minute.
- 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.
- What a relief! a What a good idea!
- b What a mess! What a shame!
- What a nightmare! What a surprise!
- What a nuisance! 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 State 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

happiness surprise anger boredom interest

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