

12c | Gifts of gold



SPEAKING

1 Work in pairs. Discuss these questions.

1 Do you know anyone who:

- has got engaged?
- has graduated from university?
- has had their golden (50th) wedding anniversary?
- has moved to a new home?
- has retired?
- has been promoted to a top job?
- has worked for the same company for 25 years?

2 Did these people do anything to celebrate these occasions?

3 What would you do to celebrate these occasions?

2 Choose three occasions from the list in exercise 1 that you think are the most important in a person's life.

Now choose an appropriate present for each of these occasions. Explain your reasons.

PRONUNCIATION: intonation (social expressions)

1 2.36 Listen to the recording. Who sounds more friendly, the man or the woman?

2 Practise saying the words and phrases in a friendly way.

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| 1 Thank you very much. | 5 Take care. |
| 2 Sorry. | 6 Have a nice day. |
| 3 See you soon. | 7 Excuse me. |
| 4 Well done! | 8 Pardon? |

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: social expressions

1 Match the comments 1–8 to the best response a–h.

- 1 Bad news, I'm afraid. I didn't get the job.
- 2 Excuse me, would you mind taking a photo of us?
- 3 Good luck for the big day tomorrow.
- 4 Guess what! We've decided to get married.
- 5 I'm afraid I can't come out for dinner this evening.
- 6 Thank you so much. It was really kind of you.
- 7 We'll really miss you.
- 8 Well, I must be going. The plane leaves in half an hour.

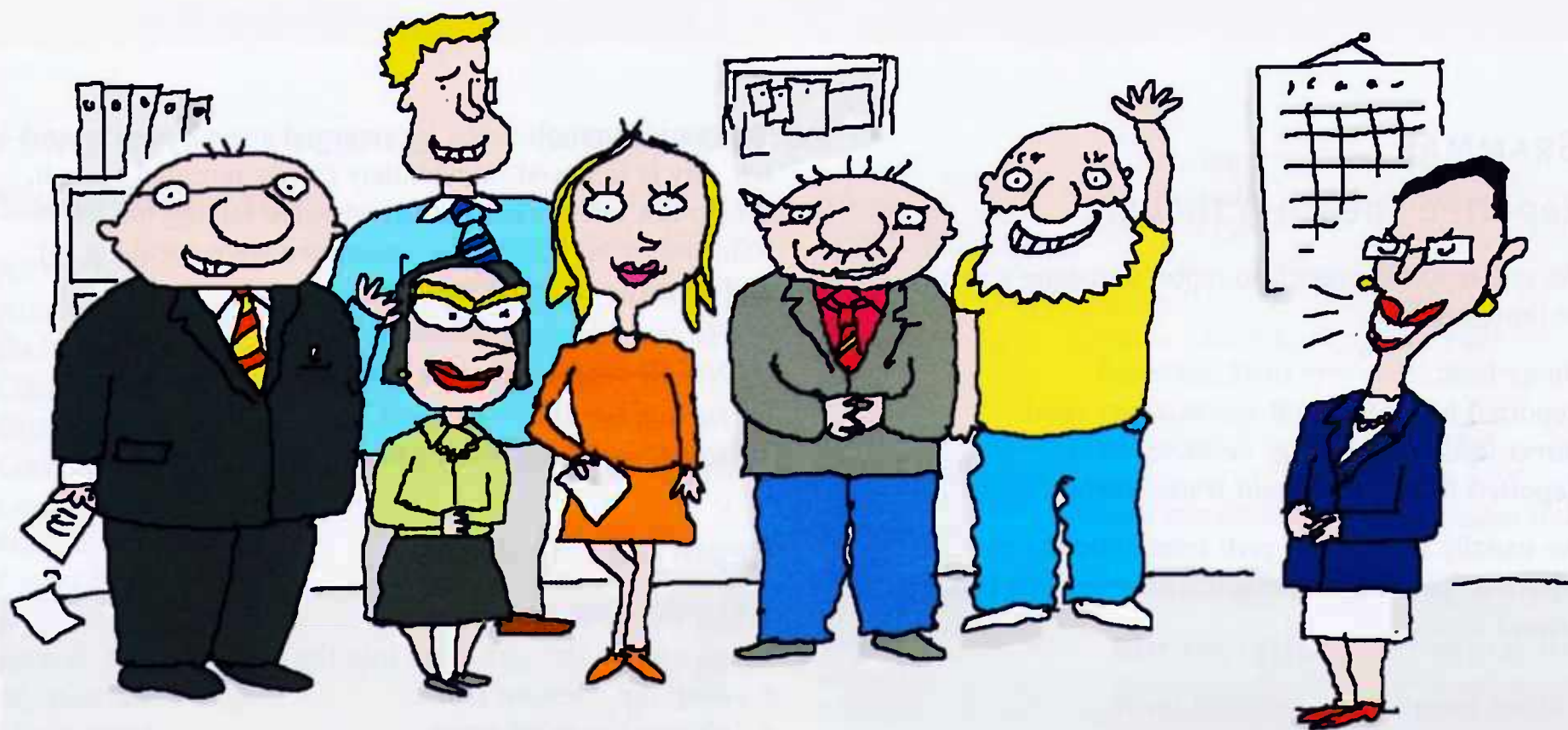
- a Excellent news! Congratulations!
- b Not at all. My pleasure.
- c Of course. Are you ready? Say 'cheese'.
- d Oh well, never mind. Another day, maybe?
- e Oh, what a shame. That's really bad luck.
- f OK. Have a safe journey and all the best.
- g The same to you. I'll keep my fingers crossed.
- h We'll miss you, too. Keep in touch, OK?

2 2.37 Listen to the recording to check your answers.

3 Choose an appropriate response from exercise 1 for each of these situations.

- 1 A friend tells you that she has broken her leg, and so she can't come to your party at the weekend.
- 2 A friend tells you that she has just got engaged to her boyfriend and is going to live at the other end of the country after the wedding.
- 3 A friend tells you that she has got a very important interview for a new job tomorrow.
- 4 A friend thanks you for lending her your car last week.
- 5 An American friend tells you that her mother is ill and that she must return to New York tomorrow.





LISTENING

- 1 Look at the picture. Why do you think Derek and his colleagues are smiling? Give a reason for each of the people.
- 2 2.38-2.40 Listen to three conversations to find out if you were correct.
- 3 2.38-2.40 Listen to the conversations again. Match the sentences 1-6 with the phrases a-f.

- 1 'I'm going to be a little late,'
- 2 'I can't remember when I joined the company,'
- 3 'I feel I need a change,'
- 4 'Please don't tell anyone,'
- 5 'I'm more than happy to take early retirement,'
- 6 'Do you want to come with me?'

- a Derek said to Dave.
- b Camilla said to Derek.
- c Derek said to Camilla.
- d Derek said to Camilla.
- e Derek asked to Avril.
- f Clive said to Derek.

- 4 Work in pairs. Prepare and practise the conversation.

A: You work in the office, but you were ill yesterday and you do not know the news. You ask a friend to tell you what happened.

B: You work in the office. Your friend was ill yesterday and does not know what happened. Tell him/her the news.

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 Work in pairs. Read the information about the US Congressional Gold Medal and discuss these questions.

THE US CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL is an award that is given to individuals and institutions to honour special achievements. The first person to receive the medal was George Washington and other winners include Nelson Mandela and Mother Teresa of Calcutta. The medal is also awarded for achievements in the arts (Walt Disney, Frank Sinatra, John Wayne), sport (the runner, Jesse Owens and the boxer, Joe Louis) and the sciences (Thomas Edison).



- Who would you give a Congressional Gold Medal to? Give your reasons.
- Does your country give medals for special achievements?
- Who has won medals and what were their achievements?