



Support materials

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While you listen

While you listen, read and answer the questions below. Remember that there may be more than one correct answer. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

Section 1

- 1. Listen to Tess and Ravi. Tick all the phrases you think are true. There may be more than one right answer.
- a) Ravi has hurt his arm.
- b) Ravi hurt himself playing football.
- c) Ravi has been to see a doctor.
- d) Tess doesn't speak French.

Section 2

- 2. Listen to Steve talking about Zaha Hadid. Tick all the phrases you think are true. There may be more then one right answer.
- a) Zaha Hadid was born in Iraq.
- b) She won the Nobel Prize in 2004.
- c) The Dancing Towers will be built in Dubai.
- d) Zaha Hadid only designs buildings.

Section 3

- 3. Listen to the quiz. Choose the correct answer to each question.
- a) Which is longer?the Nile OR the Yangtze
- b) Which has more people? Russia OR Canada
- c) Which is taller?the Empire State Building ORPetronas Towers.
- d) Which is further north? London OR Moscow

e) Which is faster?a horse OR an elephant

Section 4

- 4. How many people say they NEVER complain when they get bad service? Tick the correct number.
- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

Section 5

5. Listen to Carolina and Emily at the hairdressers. What kind of haircut does Carolina want?

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- a) highlights
- b) lowlights
- c) cut and colour
- d) just a trim
- 6. What does Emily think about her new haircut?
- a) She loves it.
- b) She hates it.

Section 6

- 7. Listen to the joke. Tick all the phrases you think are true.
- a) A man is lost in the desert.
- b) He buys a tie.
- c) He sees a luxury hotel.
- d) He can't go into the hotel.



Section 1: "But you really must..." - Exercise 1

Ravi has a problem – he's hurt his leg. Tess thinks that he should go to see a doctor, but Ravi doesn't want to. Look at the dialogue below. What does Tess do to try and persuade Ravi to go to the doctor? Match the descriptions below with Tess's turns in the dialogue. See *Answers* at the end of this pack.

A.	Ask about some action that you think would help
В.	Ask for more information
C.	Ask your friend what's wrong
D.	Offer to help your friend with the action
E.	Say that it's easy for you to help
F.	Suggest a specific time for the action
G.	Tell your friend that the action is necessary

	Ravi: I'm Ravi. And we're your presenters - AAH!
1.	Tess: Ravi? What's up? Are you OK?
	Ravi: It's alright. I've really hurt my leg. Just there. When I do that it really hurts. AAGGH.
2.	Tess: Well don't do it again, silly. What have you done?
	Ravi: I think it was playing football on Saturday. It was OK after the match – well, it hurt a bit but it's getting worse I think.
3.	Tess: Have you been to the doctor's?
	Ravi: What? Er no. No. It'll be OK in a couple of days, I'm sure.
4.	Tess: Ravi! If it's really hurting you, you have to go to the doctor. Can you walk OK?
	Ravi: Yes, Tess, it's fine. I can walk OK, as long as I don't do this AAGGHH.
5.	Tess: Don't be so silly Ravi. It might be something serious. Go to the doctor's after we're finished the podcast, OK?
	Ravi: I'm sure it's nothing serious but OK.
6.	Tess: I'll give you a lift, if you want.
	Ravi: Thanks, Tess. It's OK though.
7.	Tess: It's no problem. I'll give you a lift. It won't take long.
	Ravi: Thanks Tess.



using it?

⁸Oh I don't know. It's probably

what I spend. I'll just have to pay

me - I don't keep a record of

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Section 1: " But you really must..." - Exercise 2

Here are three conversations that follow the same structure as Tess and Ravi's conversation in Exercise 1. Each conversation has 14 "turns". The problem is that Turns numbered 3 – 13 have been confused. Can you follow the three different conversations to the end?

With highlighter pens, colour the turns in three different colours. The first 3 turns, and the last turn have been done for you. See *Answers* at the end of this pack.

Alternatively, you can cut the turns out with a pair of scissors and arrange them on a table.

Α	В	С
A1 What's the matter?	^{B1} Are you OK?	^{C1} What's wrong?
A2 It's nothing, really. Just my flatmate's cat bit me yesterday, and it's really painful when I bend my elbow.	B2 Yeah. I'm just a bit worried. I got my credit card bill today.	C2 It's okay. It's just that I've got really bad toothache. When I drink hot or cold things it's agony
A3 Sandra's cat? What did she say?	^{B3} Your credit card bill? What's the problem with it?	^{C3} Well, only warm drinks for you from now on. When did it start?
⁴ Well, it's huge. It's a lot more than I thought. I don't remember spending that much.	⁴ I think it was Sunday lunch. I was alright during the main course, but the ice cream afterwards well, it was like knitting needles to the brain	⁴ Well nothing - because I haven't told her. I was playing with Tiger and perhaps it was my fault. But it really hurts. And this isn't the first time she's bitten me
⁵ Have you been to the dentist?	⁵ Have you ever said anything to Sandra?	⁵ Have you phoned the bank?
⁶ Well, not really. It's her flat. What could I say?	⁶ No, not yet. I need to check what I've spent this month first.	⁶ Do you think I should? These things just go away eventually, don't they? Once the hole fills up with food?
⁷ Sue - you must phone the bank <i>now</i> . What if someone else has got your details and has been	Mo – if this happens a lot you have to tell her. She'd listen, wouldn't she?	⁷ Deano – if it's that bad you're going to have to go to the dentist. I presume you can still

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hot. Or cold. Or acid. Or sweet.

eat?

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sit on the other sofa everything's

okay and there's no problem



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⁹ Don't be ridiculous, Mo. You
can't spend your life avoiding a
cat. Have a word with Sandra
tonight when you get home

⁹ Look Deano, you're being daft. We'll go to the dentists as soon as we finish this job.

⁹ Don't be so stupid Sue! You have to check it out. If you don't want to phone, then go and speak to them. You can go at lunchtime.

¹⁰ Yes, I suppose you're right. But I promised John I'd buy him lunch today.

¹⁰ Do you think so? I don't want to annoy her

¹⁰ Well, if you think it's that important. But I don't like people's fingers in my mouth...

¹¹ Would you like me to be there? We could say I came round to borrow a DVD ¹¹ I'll come with you, if you're a bit nervous. I don't mind waiting

¹¹ I'll buy John a packet of sandwiches – don't worry. Your money is more important.

¹² Thanks, Sally. But I can go by myself. I'm not that scared

¹² Well thanks Sam. Are you sure? I can always go tomorrow.

¹² Thanks, Julie. But it's okay – I'll have a word with her

¹³ Do it today! It's absolutely no problem for me.

¹³ Who said you were? But seriously, I don't mind at all.

¹³ I don't mind coming. I enjoy watching a difficult conversation

Α

A14 Yeah, great. I think not...

В

B14 OK. That's really kind of you. Thanks.

C

C14 Thanks Sally.



Section 2 - Would like to talk about

In this section, you heard Steve talking about Zaha Hadid, an architect that he admires.

Is there an architect or designer that you really admire? Write a paragraph about the person explaining why you admire him or her.

Then, if you want, you can add your paragraph to the "Your turn" comments on the website, or send your paragraph to learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org.

Here are some phrases that might help you:

The reason I like him/her is
I like/admire/respect him/her because
What I like most about him/her is
There's something about him/her that I love
He/she was born in
He/she started designing / got interested in designing/first got famous
He was the first man to
She was the first woman to He/she won [a prize/award] for
My favourite building/design is
You should look at his/her designs for
It's/they're amazing/incredible/fantastic/crazy/cool/complicated/beautiful/
You can see his/her designs all over the world

Section 3 - Quiz - Exercise 1

The quiz today was about comparing things. When we compare things, we need to use adjectives to describe them. Look at these adjectives we can use to describe the things in the quiz. One adjective is NOT possible for each thing – which one?

See Answers at the end of this support pack.

1.	a river	long	deep	tall	wide	clean
2.	a country	short	big	rich	hot	expensive
3.	a building	tall	modern	old	beautiful	fast
4.	a city	dangerous	exciting	busy	deep	dirty
5.	an animal	fast	small	rich	dangerous	intelligent



Section 3 - Quiz - Exercise 2

Match these adjectives to their opposites in the numbered phrases. See Answers at the end of this support pack.

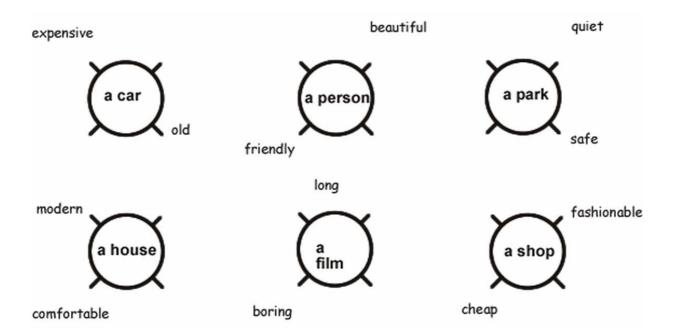
boring	cheap	dirty	friendly	hot	narrow
new	poor	quiet	safe	shallow	short
short	slow	small	traditional	ugly	young

No.	Phrase	Opposite
1	A big city	small
2	A long road	
3	A tall person	
4	A fast car	
5	A cold day	
6 7	A modern building A deep swimming pool	il.org/learnenglish
8	A wide street	
9	A rich man	
10	An old dog	
11	An old bicycle	
12	An exciting story	
13	A busy city	
14	A dangerous place	
15	A dangerous dog	
16	An expensive restaurant	
17	A clean city	
18	A beautiful building	



Section 3 - Quiz - Exercise 3

Now you can practice! See how many adjectives you can add to the diagram. They don't have to be words from these exercises.



Section 4 - Your turn

In 'Your Turn' this time the question was "Do you complain when you get bad service? For example, in a restaurant, or in a shop, when something is wrong, do you complain?"

What about you? Do you complain or just keep quiet? Or does it depend on the situation? Do you agree with what any of the people said in the podcast?

We'd like you to tell us *your* opinion. Add your paragraph to the "Your turn" comments on the website, or send your paragraph to learnenglishpodcast@britishcouncil.org.

Here is some vocabulary that might help you to express your ideas:

Things you might want to complain about:	
in a hotel:	you bought something that:
your room is noisy/dirty/small/doesn't have a	doesn't work
view	is broken
the television/hairdryer/heater/air conditioner doesn't work	is past its 'sell-by' date
in a restaurant:	in a shop:
the food is cold	the shop assistant ignores you
the service is slow	the shop assistant is rude
the waiter is rude	the shop assistant is unfriendly
the food isn't what you ordered	
the bill is wrong	



Things that you can do:	
complain (about something/to somebody)	keep calm
shout (at somebody)	be polite
get angry (with somebody)	ask to speak to the manager
have an argument with somebody	write a letter
be rude	sign the complaints book
get upset about something	

Section 5 - Carolina - Exercise 1

Look at some parts of Carolina's and Emily's conversations at the hairdresser's. Put the expressions in the right places. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack

How long	It looks nice
I just want a trim please	it's lovely
I think so	it's the first time
I'm having	my English isn't very good
I've got an appointment	Oh, yes, OK amendish

1	Hairdresser: Good morning. Emily: Good morning. Granger.	for eleven thirty. My name's Emily
2	Hairdresser: Emily Granger – cut and colour – is that right? Emily: Yes lowlights	
3	Hairdresser: Have you been here before? Emily: No,	
4	Hairdresser: If you'd like to come with me, I'll wash your hair Carolina:	r.
5	Hairdresser: Comfortable? Now what can I do for you today Carolina:	?
6	Hairdresser: What about a few layers? Carolina: Layers? I'm sorry –	



7	Hairdresser: Right. There you are. I'll just get a mil	•			
8	B Hairdresser: Are you going to wait for your friend?				
	Carolina:				
9	Carolina:is	she going to be?			
	Hairdresser: About half an hour.				
10	Carolina: What's the matter?				
	Emily: Look at me!				
	Carolina: It	's a bit short but			
Sect	tion 5 – Carolina – Exercise 2				
Look	k again at parts of Carolina's conversations. Choose	all the phrases that people can say – there is			
alwa	ays more than one correct answer. See <i>Answers</i> at t	he end of this support pack.			
1. <i>H</i> a	dairdresser: Good morning.				
	ily: Good morning.	for eleven thirty. My name's Emily			
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VV	hger. (va) I come I I S C O U C I b) My appointment's	org/rearrierry 11511			
	c) I am marked				
	d) I've got an appointment				
	a, i vo got all appointment				
2. H	lairdresser: Emily Granger – cut and colour – is that	right?			
Emil	ily: Yes	lowlights			
	a) I want	-			
	b) I'm having				
	c) I'd like				
	d) I'm making				
	lairdresser: Have you been here before?				
Emil	ily: No,				
	a) never before				
	b) I haven't				
	c) I wasn't				
	d) it's the first time				





4. Hairdresser: If you'd like to come with me, I'll wash	our hair.
Carolina:	
a) Oh yes, OK	
b) I'll come	
c) Yes please	
d) Yes, of course	
5. Hairdresser: Comfortable? Now what can I do for yo	ou today?
Carolina:	
a) Do me a trim please	
b) I'd like a trim please	
c) I just want a trim please	
d) Just a trim please	
6. Hairdresser: What about a few layers?	
Carolina: Layers? I'm sorry –	
a) how do you say? b) my English isn't very good	.org/learnenglish
c) I don't understand	9
d) what do you mean?	
7. <i>Hairdresser:</i> Right. There you are. I'll just get a mirre	or and show you the back. OK?
Carolina: Yes,	Thank you very much.
a) I like it	
b) very well	
c) it's lovely	
d) it looks great	
8. <i>Hairdresser:</i> Are you going to wait for your friend?	
Carolina:	
a) I think so	
b) Yes I am	
c) Yes I go	
d) Probably	



9. Carolina:	is she going to be?
Hairdresser: About half an hour.	
a) How much time	
b) When	
c) How long	
d) How much longer	
10. Carolina: What's the matter?	
Emily: Look at me!	
Carolina:	It's a bit short but
a) You look nice	
b) You're good	
c) It's nice	
d) It looks nice	
Section 5 – Carolina – Exercise 3	
Cooling Carolina Exercise 5	
	esser's with a friend. Complete the conversation with the UNCILOGATE AND IS
You:	
•	r name. You want a cut. And do you want a colour too?
Hairdresser: OK: If you'd like to	come with me. I'll wash your hair first.
You:	
Hairdresser: Now, what exactly	•
Hairdresser: OK: How much do	•
Hairdresser: Right. And what at	<u> </u>
You:	
Hairdresser: Is your hair difficult	
Hairdresser: OK. So where are	
You:	Page 1'





Hairdresser: Do you live near nere?
/ou:
Hairdresser: And are you enjoying it here?
/ou:
Hairdresser: What are you planning for the holidays?
/ou:
Hairdresser: OK, We're finished. Look in the mirror. What do you think?
/ou:
Hairdresser: Are you going to wait for your friend?
/ou:
••
our friend: Look at my hair! It's awful!
/ou:

Now you can practice the dialogue with a friend.

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Section 7 - The joke

Exercise 1

Read the sentences below, and put them in the right order to tell the joke. You can either cut them up and arrange them, or write the number in the space on the left. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

!	After a while he meets a man who's selling ties.			
	And then, right in front of him he sees a beautiful luxury hotel in the middle of the desert.			
	He goes up to the door, crying with happiness and the man at the door of the hotel says "Sorry sir. You can't come in here if you aren't wearing a tie."			
:	He thinks he must be imagining things, but no, it really is a hotel.			
	He's walking and walking, and he's really thirsty.			
	So he walks on again. It's very hot and he's really desperate for water now. And he sees another man "Give me water!" "No water sir. But beautiful ties. Pink ones, red ones, striped ones. Very good price". So the poor mans walks on.			
W	So the man walks on in the desert. And he's getting more and more thirsty. So the man who's lost says "No, I don't want a tie – I want water." "Sorry sir, no water, only ties."			
	Then he meets another man. "Want to buy a tie sir? Lovely ties. Special price for you sir." And he says "No!! I don't want a tie. I want water." "Sorry sir – no water, but very beautiful ties".			
	There's a man and he's lost in the desert and he hasn't got any water.			
	This man has got hundreds of ties – black ones, pink ones, striped ones. "Do you want to buy a tie sir? Lovely ties, very cheap."			



Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 1

Tom talked about comparatives. Complete this table with adjectives and comparatives. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.

Adjective	Comparative
big	
	longer
	hotter
tall	
far	
	worse
good	
interesting	
	more expensive

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Now complete these sentences using the **right adjective** but in a **comparative form**. Sometimes more than one answer is possible! See *Possible Answers* at the end of this support pack.

far	expensive	long	big	good
bad	interesting	tall	hot	

1	Canada is than Switzerland.		
2	A car is than a bicycle.		
3	The sun is away than the moon.		
4	The sun is than the moon.		
5	The Amazon is than the River Thames.		
6	A skyscraper is than a house.		
7	I think that football is than tennis.		
8	In my opinion, books are than films.		
9	The weather in Britain is than the weather in Brazil.		



Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 3

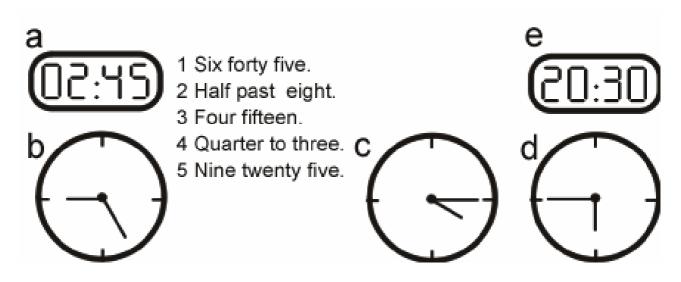
Now use the adjectives to make some comparative sentences of your own. You can write about sports, the weather, your family, animals - anything you want!

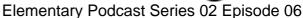
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bad	interesting	tall	hot	

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2	
3	
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Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 4

Match the times to the clocks. See *Answers* at the end of this support pack.







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While you listen - Answers

Answers

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- 1. b,d.
- 2. a.c
- 3. a) Nile, b) Russia, c) Petronas Towers, d)

Moscow, e) a horse

- 4. a
- 5. d
- 6. b
- 7. a,c,d

Section 1: " But you really must..." - Exercise 1

- 1. C. Ask your friend what's wrong
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- 3. A. Ask about some action you think would help
- 4. G. Tell your friend that the action is necessary
- 5. F. Suggest a specific time for the action
- 6. D. Offer to help your friend with the action
- 7. E. Say that it's easy for you to help

Section 1: " But you really must..." - Exercise 2 -

Answers - see below

Section 3 - Exercise 1 - Quiz - Answers

Answers

- 1. tall vw. britishcour
- 3. fast
- 4. deep
- 5. rich

Section 3 - Quiz - Exercise 2

Answers

- 1. small
- 2. short
- 3. short
- 4. slow
- 5. hot
- 6. traditional
- 7. shallow
- 8. narrow
- 9. poor
- 10. young
- 11. new
- 12. boring
- 13. quiet
- 14. safe
- 15. friendly
- 16. cheap 17. dirty
- 18. ugly

Section 5 - Carolina - Exercise 1 - Answers

- I've got an appointment
- 2. I'm having
- 3. it's the first time
- 4. Oh, yes, OK
- 5. I just want a trim please
- 6. my English isn't very good
- 7. it's lovely
- I think so 8.
- How Iona 9.
- 10. It looks nice

Section 5 - Carolina - Exercise 2 - Answers

- 1. b.d
- 2. a,b,c
- 3. a,b,d
- 4. a,d
- 5. b.c.d
- 6. b,c,d
- 7. a,c,d
- 8. a.b.d 9. c,d
- 10. a,c,d

Section 6 - The Joke - Answers

- There's a man and he's lost in the desert and he hasn't got any water.
- He's walking and walking, and he's really thirstv.
- 3. After a while he meets a man who's selling ties.
- This man has got hundreds of ties black ones, pink ones, striped ones. "Do you want to buy a tie sir? Lovely ties, very cheap."
- So the man who's lost says "No, I don't want a tie - I want water." "Sorry sir, no water, only ties." So the man walks on in the desert. And he's getting more and more thirsty.
- Then he meets another man. "Want to buy a tie sir? Lovely ties. Special price for you sir." And he says "No!! I don't want a tie. I want water." "Sorry sir – no water, but very beautiful ties".
- So he walks on again. It's very hot and he's really desperate for water now. And he sees another man "Give me water!" "No water sir. But beautiful ties. Pink ones, red ones, striped ones. Very good price". So the poor mans walks on.
- And then, right in front of him he sees a beautiful luxury hotel in the middle of the desert.
- He thinks he must be imagining things, but no, it really is a hotel.
- 10. He goes up to the door, crying with happiness and the man at the door of the hotel says "Sorry sir. You can't come in here if you aren't wearing a tie."



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Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 1 - Answers

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big	bigger
long	longer
hot	hotter
tall	taller
far	further
bad	worse
good	better
interesting	more interesting
expensive	more expensive

Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 2 - Possible Answers

1 bigger 2 more expensive 3 further 4 hotter 5 longer 6 taller 7 more interesting 8 better 9 worse

Section 7 - Tom - Exercise 3 - Answers

1. d, 2. e, 3. c, 4. a, 5. b

Section 1: "But you really must..." - Exercise 2 - Answers

Α	1	В	6	С
A1 What's the matter?	1	^{B1} Are you OK?	4	^{C1} What's wrong?
A2 It's nothing, really. Just my flatmate's cat bit me yesterday, and it's really painful when I bend my elbow.		^{B2} Yeah. I'm just a bit worried. I got my credit card bill today.		c2 It's okay. It's just that I've got really bad toothache. When I drink hot or cold things it's agony
A3 Sandra's cat? What did she say?		^{B3} Your credit card bill? What's the problem with it?		^{C3} Well, only warm drinks for you from now on. When did it start?
^{B4} Well, it's huge. It's a lot more than I thought. I don't remember spending that much.		^{C4} I think it was Sunday lunch. I was alright during the main course, but the ice cream afterwards well, it was like knitting needles to the brain		haven't told her. I was playing with Tiger and perhaps it was my fault. But it really hurts. And this isn't the first time she's bitten me
			-	
^{C5} Have you been to the dentist?		^{A5} Have you ever said anything to		^{B5} Have you phoned the bank?

^{C6} Do you think I should? These

things just go away eventually, don't they? Once the hole fills

up with... food?

^{B6} No, not yet. I need to check

what I've spent this month first.

Sandra?

A6 Well, not really. It's her flat.

What could I say?



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^{B7} Sue - you must phone the
bank now. What if someone else
has got your details and has
been using it?

A7 Mo – if this happens a lot you have to tell her. She'd listen, wouldn't she?

^{C7} Deano – if it's that bad you're going to have to go to the dentist. I presume you can still eat?

^{B8} Oh I don't know. It's probably me – I don't keep a record of what I spend. I'll just have to pay it

^{C8} Yes, of course. If it's not too hot. Or cold. Or acid. Or sweet.

A8 Yes, course she would. But if I sit on the other sofa everything's okay and there's no problem

A9 Don't be ridiculous, Mo. You can't spend your life avoiding a cat. Have a word with Sandra tonight when you get home

^{C9} Look Deano, you're being daft. We'll go to the dentists as soon as we finish this job.

B9 Don't be so stupid Sue! You have to check it out. If you don't want to phone, then go and speak to them. You can go at lunchtime.

^{B10} Yes, I suppose you're right. But I promised John I'd buy him lunch today.

A10 Do you think so? I don't want to annoy her

^{C10} Well, if you think it's that important. But I don't like people's fingers in my mouth...

A11 Would you like me to be there? We could say I came round to borrow a DVD ^{C11} I'll come with you, if you're a bit nervous. I don't mind waiting

B11 I'll buy John a packet of sandwiches – don't worry. Your money is more important.

^{C12}Thanks, Sally. But I can go by myself. I'm not that scared

^{B12}Well thanks Sam. Are you sure? I can always go tomorrow.

A12 Thanks, Julie. But it's okay – I'll have a word with her

^{B13} Do it today! It's absolutely no problem for me.

^{C13} Who said you were? But seriously, I don't mind at all.

A13 I don't mind coming. I enjoy watching a difficult conversation

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A14 Yeah, great. I think not...

В

B14 OK. That's really kind of you. Thanks.

C.

C14 Thanks Sally.