

Introduction

This support pack accompanies the video *How to ask someone to repeat something*.

To watch the video online, go to:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/how/how-ask-someone-repeat-something>

This support pack contains the following materials:

- a pre-watching vocabulary activity;
- the transcript;
- a language task



Before you watch / read

The following words all describe reasons for having to ask someone to repeat something. Can you match the words to the descriptions?

1. Mumble	2. whisper	3. stutter
4. lisp	5. accent	6. grumble

Definitions:

- a speech problem where the sufferer says 's' and 'z' like 'th'
- to complain about something when upset
- to speak with difficulty, pausing and repeating the beginning of words
- the ways that people from different places pronounce things differently
- to speak quietly and not clearly
- to speak very quietly, only using your breath

Transcript: How to ask someone to repeat something

Man: (Mumbling “Have you seen a green pen anywhere?”)

Woman: I’m sorry, I didn’t quite catch that.

Man: (Mumbling)

Woman: Could you say that again?

Man: (Mumbling “Green pen, see it anywhere?”)

Woman: I’m sorry...er I still didn’t get that.

Man: (Trying very hard but still mumbling)

Woman: Could you say that again?

Man: (slightly frustrated and mumbling again)

Woman: One more time?

Man: (Mumbling)

Woman: No. Sorry. Nothing.

Man: (Mumbling)

Woman: Look! I can’t hear a word you’re saying.

Man: I said “Have you seen a green...pen”...oh, there it is!

Language task

Correct the mistakes

Read the following lines from the dialogue.

In each of them there is a mistake.

Can you spot the mistake and correct it?

1. I'm sorry, I didn't quite make that.
2. Could you speak that again?
3. I'm sorry...er I still didn't get this.
4. Once more time?
5. Look! I can't hear the words you're saying.

Answers

Language Task: Compare your answers with the transcript

Before you watch: 1 - e, 2 - f, 3 - c, 4 - a, 5 - d, 6 - b