

## Four conversations

Listen to four conversations to practise and improve your listening skills.

### Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Write the words and phrases in the correct group.

Right.	No way!	Let's see ...	Really?	Umm ...
And?	I mean ...	Well ...		I know.

When you're thinking of something to say (4 expressions)	When you show the other person you are listening (5 expressions)

## Tasks

### Task 1

Match the topics (1–4) with the conversations (a–d).

#### Topic

1. .... An old photo
2. .... A university project
3. .... A holiday
4. .... A work interview

#### Conversation

- a. Conversation A
- b. Conversation B
- c. Conversation C
- d. Conversation D

**Task 2**

Are the sentences true or false?

	<b>Answer</b>	
1. (Conversation A) The woman was in the interview for 15 minutes.	True	False
2. (Conversation A) The woman thinks she is going to get the job.	True	False
3. (Conversation B) The woman was trying to look at art.	True	False
4. (Conversation B) The woman is thinking about not taking photos on holiday any more.	True	False
5. (Conversation C) The man and the woman grew up in the same family.	True	False
6. (Conversation C) The girl had an older boyfriend at school.	True	False
7. (Conversation D) The man is not in the group because the others don't like his work.	True	False
8. (Conversation D) The man needs to find another group.	True	False

**Discussion**

Have you ever had a similar conversation? What new phrases did you learn in these conversations?

## Transcript

## A

**Man:** How did it go?

**Woman:** Umm, I think it went quite well. I did a lot of research and prepared a lot. I was in there for ... I don't know ... half an hour?

**Man:** And? What did they say?

**Woman:** Nothing much. At the end I asked them, 'What happens now?', and the woman said, 'We'll call you back with news in three or four days.'

**Man:** Really?

**Woman:** Yeah, I think I've got the job. There weren't a lot of other people there. I was the only interview that day, you know?

**Man:** Well, good luck with it.

## B

**Man:** Anyway, you were saying ...

**Woman:** Oh, yeah, um ... let's see. Yes, so I was in the museum and there were, I don't know, a hundred people waiting to get into the room. Finally, I got in, and I tried to see the *Mona Lisa* but I couldn't look at it.

**Man:** Why not?

**Woman:** Because the room was filled with people taking photographs of it!

**Man:** Oh, right.

**Woman:** Yes! And selfies.

**Man:** Wait a minute. You can take photos while you're in there?

**Woman:** Yes, but you can't use flash. I don't know ... Why do we take photos of everything we see when we travel?

**Man:** I know. And we never look at the photos after.

**Woman:** Exactly! I'm tired of always taking photos. I don't feel I'm enjoying things.

**C**

**Man:** Who took this?

**Woman:** I can't remember. Hmmm ...

**Man:** What am I doing?

**Woman:** You're sitting on the sofa, watching TV and eating chocolates. Nothing changes!

**Man:** Ha! Very funny. You look very young, though.

**Woman:** I know. Look at my hair – it was so long!

**Man:** Mine too, look at me! Hey ... I think I know who took this photo.

**Woman:** Umm ... who? Was it Dad?

**Man:** No, it wasn't Dad or Mum. Do you remember Barry?

**Woman:** No.

**Man:** Yes, YES! You do remember. Barry, your boyfriend at high school. You were seventeen and he was sixteen and he was so very polite: 'Hello, I'm Barry. It's very nice to meet you ...'

**Woman:** Stop it! He was nice.

**Man:** Yeah, well, he took the photo.

**D**

**Woman:** Let's see. OK. I'm glad we could talk about this. It's not easy to say.

**Man:** What?

**Woman:** Well, you're not in our group – for the class project.

**Man:** What do you mean? You know I'm always in a group with you.

**Woman:** I know. It's just that this time ... this time we made the group differently and because you were late ...

**Man:** I see. You don't want me in the group?

**Woman:** No, no. It isn't that. It's that we've already made the group, see? There's four of us already.

**Man:** So? We can't be a group of five?

**Woman:** Well, the teacher said four people per group.

**Man:** Oh.

**Woman:** It's not about you or your work or anything like that. It's ... errrr ... well, we already have the group.

**Man:** So I have to find another group.

**Woman:** I'm sorry.

## Answers

### Preparation task

When you're thinking of something to say (4 expressions)	When you show the other person you are listening (5 expressions)
Let's see ... Umm ... I mean ... Well ...	Right. No way! Really? And? I know.

### Task 1

1. c
2. d
3. b
4. a

### Task 2

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. True
5. True
6. False
7. False
8. True