

## LISTENING AND SPEAKING

### You drive me mad (but I love you)!

- 1 Complete these sentences about the people in your life. Tell a partner.
- My mother/father drives me mad when she/he ...
  - I don't like people who ...
  - I hate it when my brother/sister ...
  - It really annoys me when friends ...

- 2 Choose one person in your life. What annoying habits does he/she have?

Does he/she ...?	Is he/she ...?
• always arrive late	• untidy
• talk too loudly	• always on the phone
• leave things on the floor	• never on time

What annoying habits do *you* have? Discuss with your partner.

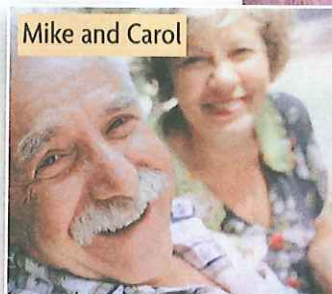
- 3 You are going to listen to a radio programme called *Home Truths*. Two couples, Carol and Mike, and Dave and Alison, talk about their partner's annoying habits. Look at the pictures below. What are their annoying habits?

**T 2.5** Listen and write the correct names under each picture below.

Dave and Alison



Mike and Carol



- 4 Are these sentences true (✓) or false (X)? Correct the false sentences.

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| 1 Carol and Mike never watch television.           | 5 Dave never does any jobs at home. |
| 2 Mike doesn't listen when his wife speaks to him. | 6 Dave is bad at his job.           |
| 3 Carol makes the decisions in their house.        | 7 Alison tidies up Dave's mess.     |
| 4 Mike shouts at his wife when she's driving.      | 8 Alison is very organized.         |

### What do you think?

- 1 Do men or women typically complain about their partners doing these things?
- watching sport on TV
  - driving badly
  - taking a long time to get ready
  - not tidying things away
- 2 What do you think men are generally better at? What are women better at?



## EVERYDAY ENGLISH

### Making conversation

**1 T 2.6** Listen to two conversations. Maria and Jean-Paul are foreign students in Britain. Their teachers, James and Sylvia, are trying to be friendly. Which conversation is more successful? Why?

**2** Obviously, it is impossible to tell someone how to have a conversation, but here are some things that help.

- Ask questions.
- Show that you're interested.
- Don't just answer *yes* or *no*.
- Try to add a comment of your own.
- Don't let the conversation stop.

Find examples of these in Jean-Paul and Sylvia's conversation on p119.

**3 T 2.6** Listen again to Jean-Paul and Sylvia's conversation, paying special attention to the stress and intonation. Practise the conversation with a partner.

**4** Match a line in **A** with a reply in **B** and a further comment in **C**.

A	B	C
1 What a lovely day it is today!	I'm enjoying it.	Was it a good game?
2 It's very wet today.	Yes, no problems.	That's very kind of you.
3 How are you today?	I'm very well, thanks.	Where did you find it?
4 Did you have a nice weekend?	No, I missed it.	We had lunch and went for a walk.
5 How do you find living in London?	Thank you.	The plane was a bit late, but it didn't matter.
6 Did you have a good journey?	Thank you very much.	Makes you feel miserable, doesn't it?
7 Did you watch the football yesterday?	Yes.	I got it in Paris last year.
8 What a lovely jacket you're wearing!	Yes, it was lovely.	How about you?
9 If you have any problems, just ask me for help.	Yes, it is. Thank you.	It was a bit strange at first, but I'm getting used to it.
10 Excuse me. Is this your scarf?	Mm. Horrible.	Beautiful, isn't it?

**T 2.7** Listen and check. Practise the conversations with a partner. Remember to use good stress and intonation.

**5** Think of three questions to ask a partner about each of these subjects.

- last weekend
- something they are wearing
- learning English

Now have a conversation with your partner. Ask your questions.

Try to sound interested in the replies and keep the conversation going.

