

Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Expressing sympathy and concern

1 ★ Put the words in order.

- 1 the / What's / matter ?

_____ What's the matter?

- 2 very / That's / nice / not

- 3 can / there / I / anything / help / to / Is / anything / do / ?

- 4 OK, / see / It'll / see / be / you'll / all

- 5 imagine / can / I

2 ★ Listen to three conversations. Circle the correct options.

- 1 Jack thinks his brother *broke / is using* his tablet.
- 2 Leo offers to help Steve with his *hair / shirt*.
- 3 The boy's *printer / computer* is not working.

3 ★★ Listen to the first part of a conversation. What is Martha doing?

THEO Hi, Martha. What's the ¹ matter ?

MARTHA Well, I'm trying to finish this story for French class tomorrow.

THEO But this is a group project. Where are Eleanor and Alex? Why aren't they helping you?

MARTHA They've gone skiing for the weekend. They said they told me about it but I ² _____ they didn't. I'm writing the last part. We're supposed to send it by computer, but they've written their parts by hand.THEO Well, that's not very ³ _____. You look a bit stressed ⁴ _____.

MARTHA Of course, I'm stressed out. I still haven't started on my notes. I can't believe how lazy they are!

THEO That's a ⁵ _____ harsh. Maybe they did tell you and you forgot.

4 ★★ Complete the conversation in Exercise 3 with the words in the box. Then, listen and check.

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Focus on pronunciation:
consonant clusters

5 ★★ Listen and underline the words with consonant clusters with s. Then, listen again and repeat the sentences.

- 1 I still haven't started on my notes.
- 2 I'm trying to finish this story.
- 3 They've gone skiing.
- 4 You look a bit stressed.

6 ★★ Listen to the rest of the conversation. What does Theo offer to do?

MARTHA They didn't tell me they were going skiing. If they had, I would've remembered! I'm so annoyed with them.

THEO I can ¹ imagine ... they've left you to do all the hard work. But it'll be OK, you'll ² _____.

MARTHA Well, maybe if I could read Alex's writing, that would help! What a mess!

THEO Is there anything I can do to ³ _____? Maybe I could type their parts while you work on your part.MARTHA Oh, Theo, that's ⁴ _____ of you. Sit down here. Thanks, Theo – you're a real friend!THEO Don't ⁵ _____ it, Martha. I'm glad to help.

7 ★★ Listen again and complete the conversation. Then, listen and repeat the conversation.