Practical English Old friends

1 JENNY HAS COFFEE WITH A FRIEND

a (3)25)) Watch or listen to Jenny and Monica. What's Monica's news?





- **b** Watch or listen again and answer the questions.
 - 1 Who's Scott?
 - 2 When did they get engaged?
 - 3 Who has Monica told the news to?
 - 4 What did she use to do a lot at night? What does she do now?
 - 5 Who's going to organize the wedding?
 - 6 What does Jenny tell Monica about her relationship with Rob?
 - 7 What does Monica think about Rob being British?

PERMISSION AND REQUESTS

- a (3)26))) Watch or listen. What two favors does Rob ask Jenny?
- **b** Watch or listen again. Mark the sentences **T** (true) or **F** (false). Correct the **F** sentences.
 - 1 Rob orders a cappuccino.
 - 2 Rob says Monica looks different from her photos.
 - 3 Monica gets a good impression of Rob.
 - 4 Monica leaves because she has to go to work.
 - 5 Jenny says that most of their friends are in serious relationships.
 - 6 Paul is going to stay for two weeks.
 - 7 Paul used to be very quiet when they were younger.
 - 8 Jenny is excited to meet Paul.





c (3)27)) Look at some extracts from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

Asking permission

| 1 | Rob Monica | Do you Ofr down. | if I join you? not. Come on, sit |
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| 2 | Rob | Is it | if we change our |

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| | | plans a bit thi | s week? |
| | Jenny | Uhsure. | |

Requests: asking someone to do something

| 1 | Rob Jenny | you pass the sugar? | |
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| 2 | Rob | Could you do me a big? I have to work late this evening, so would you mind him at the airport? | |
| | Jenny | at all. I'd like to meet him. | |
| 3 | Rob | And do you think you take him to my flat? I'll give you the keys. | |
| | Jenny | No, Rob. | |

- **d** Look at the **highlighted** phrases and answer the questions.
 - 1 How do you respond to *Do you mind if...?* and *Would you mind...?* when you mean *OK*, *no problem?*
 - 2 Which two forms of request should you use if you want to be very polite or are asking a very big favor?
- e (3 28)) Watch or listen and repeat the highlighted phrases. Copy the rhythm and intonation.
- **f** Practice the dialogues in **c** with a partner.



3 PAUL ARRIVES



- a (3)29)) Watch or listen. How do Rob and Jenny feel about Paul's arrival?
- **b** Watch or listen again and circle the right answer.
 - 1 Paul's appearance has changed a lot | hasn't changed much.
 - 2 His flight was on time | late.
 - 3 On the trip from the airport Paul talked a lot about himself | asked Jenny a lot of personal questions.
 - 4 Rob suggests eating in | eating out.
 - 5 Paul feels exhausted | full of energy.
 - 6 Jenny feels like | doesn't feel like going out.
- **c** Look at the **Social English phrases**. Can you remember any of the missing words?

| Social English phrases | | |
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| Paul | Hey! | |
| Paul | It's to see you, mate. | |
| Rob | How you're so late? | |
| Paul | No, man! | |
| Jenny | Rob, I think I'll go home <mark>if you don't</mark> . | |
| Rob | Just like the old! | |
| Paul | Rob, we've got a lot to talk! | |
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- d (3)30)) Watch or listen and complete the phrases.
- e Watch or listen again and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?

| Can you? |
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| use different expressions to ask permission to do something and respond |
| use different expressions to ask another person to do something and respond |
| greet someone you haven't seen for a long time |

