Practical English Unexpected events

1 JENNY GETS A SURPRISE

- a (5 22)) Watch or listen. How do you think Jenny and Rob feel at the end?
- b Watch or listen again. Mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.
 - 1 Jenny didn't expect Paul to be there.
 - 2 Paul tells Jenny that Rob is planning to stay in New York.
 - 3 Rob arrives with croissants for breakfast.
 - 4 Rob accuses Paul of lying.
 - 5 Rob insists that he's serious about Jenny.
 - 6 Rob says he will drive Paul to Boston.



2 M INDIRECT QUESTIONS



- a 5 23) Watch or listen to Rob and Jenny talking in the office. Do they resolve their problems?
- **b** Watch or listen again and answer the questions.
 - 1 What reason does Rob give for Paul being in his flat?
 - 2 How does Rob know that Paul is really leaving?
 - 3 Why doesn't Jenny believe that Rob wants to stay in New York?
 - 4 According to Jenny, how did Rob behave when he was with Paul?
 - 5 What does Jenny think about their relationship?
- c (5 24)) Look at some extracts from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

1	Jenny	Could you me why Paul is still in your apartment?
	Rob	Well, he couldn't get a ticket to Boston
2	Jenny Rob	Do you if he's got one now? I bought it! He's leaving this evening.
3	Jenny	Look Rob, I'd to know what you really want.
	Rob	What do you mean?
4	Jenny	I if you really want to be here. I wonder if
	Rob	Jenny, what is it?
5	Don	I need a wordyou tell me what you decided at the last meeting?
	Jenny	Right away, Don, Rob was just leaving.

- **d** (5.25)) Watch or listen and repeat the highlighted phrases. Copy the rhythm and intonation.
- e Practise the dialogues in c with a partner.

f Read the information about indirect questions. Then make questions 1–5 more indirect by using the beginnings given.

0	Indirect questions
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We often put Can / Could you tell me...?, Do you know...?, I'd like to know..., I wonder... before a question to make it less direct. When we do this, the direct question changes to an affirmative sentence, i.e. the word order is subject + verb, and we don't use do / did in the present and the past.

Compare:

Why is Paul in your apartment? Could you tell me why Paul is still in your apartment?

Has he got one now?

Do you know if (or whether) he's got one now?

What do you really want?

I'd like to know what you really want.

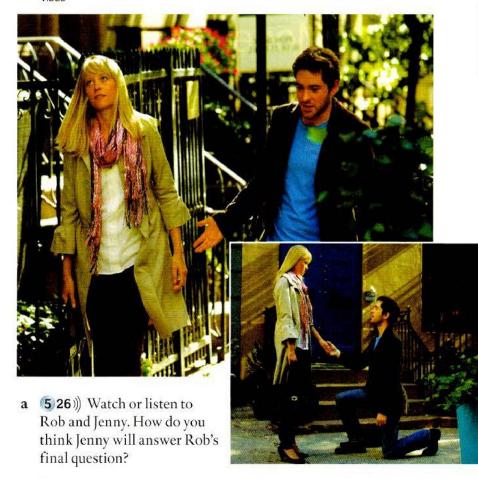
Do you really want to be here? I wonder if (or whether) you really want to be here.

What did you decide at the last meeting? Can you tell me what you decided at the last meeting?

1	Where's the station?	
	Excuse me, can you tell me	
		?
2	What did he say?	
	I'd like to know	
3	Does she like me?	
	I wonder	
4	s your brother coming tonight?	•
	Do you know	
	,	?
5	What time does the shop close?	
	Could you tell me	
	1756	?

g ♣ ➤ Communication Asking politely for information

3 ■ ROB GETS SERIOUS



b Watch or listen again and complete the sentences with 2-4 words.

Rob is trying to convinc	e Jenny that he	

- 2 Jenny says that she's sure that Rob wants to _____.
- 3 Rob says that he loves his _____.
- 4 Jenny and Rob are going to visit _____.
- 5 Rob promises not to forget ______.
- 5 Rob promises not to lorget ___
- 6 Rob asks Jenny to ______.
- c Look at the Social English phrases. Can you remember any of the missing words?

Social English phrases				
Jenny	It's	you want to go back.		
Rob	Of	I miss London, but I love my life here.		
Rob	AndIw	on't forget the chocolates this time		
Jenny	Well, th	nat's a start, I		
Rob		if I proposed to you?		
Jenny	Rob.	it. It's embarrassing.		

- d 5 27)) Watch or listen and complete the phrases.
- **e** Watch or listen again and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?

Ca	n you?
	make indirect questions, e.g. beginning with Can you tell me?
	discuss a problem