

5. Conversation tips

The **Let's Talk: Conversation** section in the Extra Help pages of the *Cambridge Advanced Learner's Dictionary* gives you the appropriate language to make your English sound more fluent and natural.

A. Match the words on the left with the words on the right to form sentences. Use the **Let's Talk: Conversation** section on conversations at work to help you.

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| 1. I'm sorry but I just ... | a) where you're coming from, but we can't do it now. |
| 2. Could I just ... | b) what to think about this. |
| 3. I get ... | c) don't think it's a good use of our time. |
| 4. I don't know ... | d) make a point here? |
| 5. I'm sorry, ... | e) explain this very clearly. |
| 6. Perhaps I didn't ... | f) you've lost me. |

B. Complete the dialogues. Use the **Let's Talk: Conversation** section on conversations with friends to help you.

1. A: Hello, Ana. What a nice surprise to see you here. Long ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ .
 B: Hello s ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ! I was ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ to ask you if you'd like to play in the tennis tournament?
 A: Yes, I'd love to. When is it?
 B: Next weekend. I'm ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ I have to go, but it's been really nice seeing you.
 B: Definitely, I'll phone you!
2. A: Oh, and while I ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ of it, are we still on for lunch next week?
 B: I'm so busy, it might be a bit ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ . How about the following week?
 A: OK, let's ___ ___ ___ Tuesday the 15th?
 B: Sounds good. I'll ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ ___ it in.

C. Write two phrases for showing amusement and two phrases for showing surprise/shock. Use the **Let's Talk: Conversation** section on conversations with friends to help you.

Showing amusement	Showing surprise / shock

