

## Catch up with friends

## Handout 1

1) Breakout room 1

a) Talk together. Which of your family and friends do you see:

- Every day?
- About once a week?
- Two or three times a year?
- Less than once a year?

b) What news do you share when you see them?

2) In open class Listen to Sharmila and Jenny

Tick the things they talk about

- A movie
- Sharmila's new home
- Sharmila's new job
- Mani's new job
- A concert

## Handout 2

### 1) Listen to Sharmila and Jenny again

Note down *what* they say about:

- Sharmila's new home
- Sharmila's new job
- Mani's new job
- A concert

### 2) Breakout room 2

- a) Check your answers to question 1 above
- b) How often do you think Jenny and Sharmila see each other?

### 3) Breakout room 3

Asking for news – match the expressions from the conversation.

A	B	C
1 What have you been up to?	a He's really happy.	v I'm still teaching maths.
2 I've just started a new job.	b Not much.	w No? How are things at work?
3 How is it?	c Oh, great. So what are you doing?	x Oh, that's good.
4 How's Mani?	d Some of the kids are difficult!	y Really?
5 Anyway, what's new with you?	e Erm, things are very busy right now.	z Hm, that's not good.

## Handout 3



Example new topics:

- Work
- Family
- Trips and holidays
- Home studies

### Breakout room 4

You're in a café with a group of friends you haven't seen for six months.

Tell each other three items of news.

- Give your news, EG: *I've started....*
- Say how you feel, EG: *I'm a bit...*
- Ask your friends their news, EG: *How are things at...*
- React to your friends' news, EG: *That's great!*

### **Expressions you could try:**

#### Asking for news

- What have you been up to?
  - What's new with you?
  - What are you doing?
- How are things at + work/ home/school?

#### Giving news

- Things are busy/ ok
- I've just started a new job /course