



Continuing a conversation

LEVEL

Elementary (A2)

NUMBER

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LANGUAGE

English

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Learning outcomes

 I can use simple expressions for when I don't understand something.

 I can express my surprise or shock in conversation using some simple phrases.



Warm-up



Has anyone ever said this to you before?







Vocabulary review

Review the words and phrases below.





Slow down

Review the sentences below.



Pardon? Did you say something?

Could you repeat that? I didn't catch your name.





Can you speak a little more loudly? It's really noisy in here.

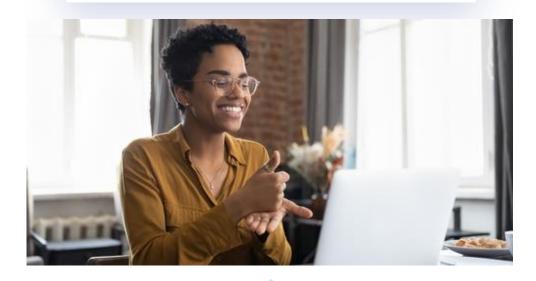
Excuse me, could you speak more slowly please?







to mishear



I'm sorry. I think I **misheard** the question.





to misunderstand



Maybe we've **misunderstood** each other.





Don't panic!

Read the information. **Answer** the question below.

Don't panic!



When you **mishear** or **misunderstand** something in a conversation, you can ask for it to be explained in a different way.



It is **better** to **be sure** than to continue if you **don't understand something.**

Do you **agree** or **disagree**?





to spell

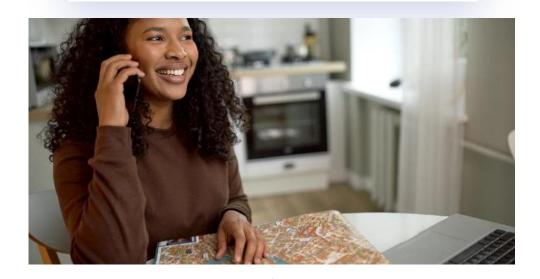


How do you **spell** that? Is it A-T-T-R-A-C-T-I-O-N?





to pronounce

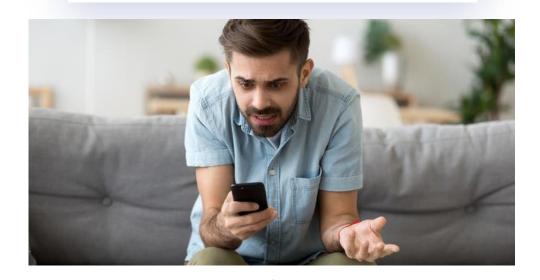


Can you **pronounce** that for me?





to make sense



I can't **make sense** of his accent.





Conversation tips

Review the sentences below.



Did you **misunderstand** the question?

Can you **spell** that for me? **I don't think** I know the word.





How do you **pronounce** that like a native speaker?



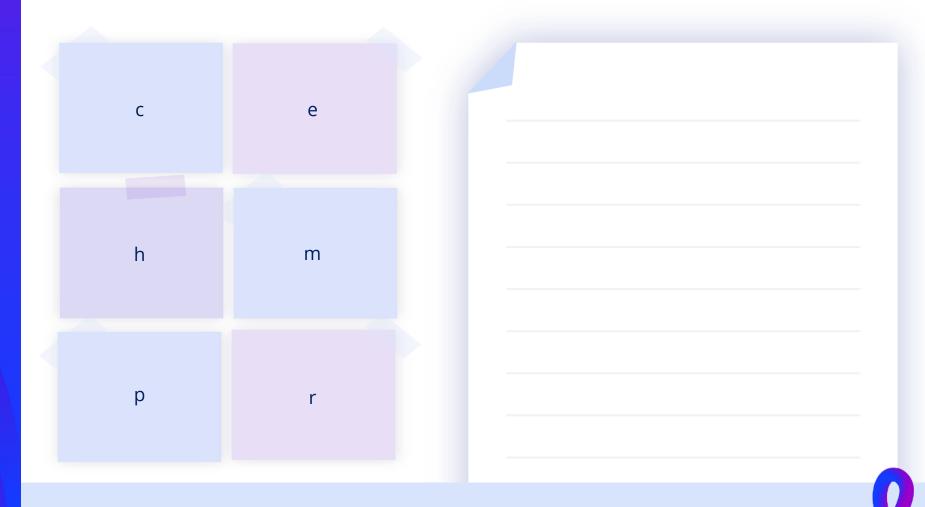






How do you spell that?

- 1. **Write** down words beginning with the letters below.
- 2. **Ask** a classmate or your teacher how to spell the words.





Discuss

Answer the questions below.

What is something that you have misheard or misunderstood in the last month?

How did you react?



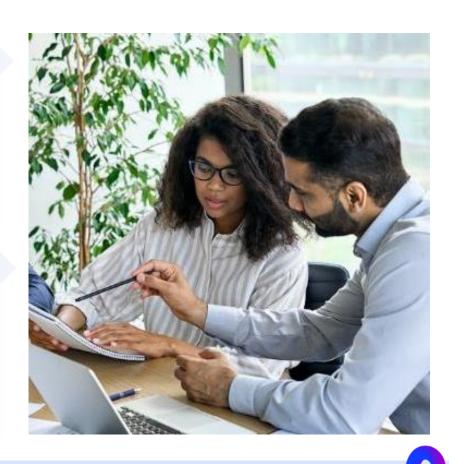




Pronunciation

- 1. Are there any words you find **difficult to pronounce** in English?
- 2. **Practise** the words below with your teacher.

ballet answer fifteen/fifty comfortable





to mean

to clarify

to slow down







I think I know what you **mean**!

Can you **clarify** exactly what you mean?

Would you mind slowing down? I can't make sense of what you're saying.





to catch



I'm sorry. I didn't **catch** the last thing you said.





Resolving miscommunication

Review the sentences below.



I don't think I know what you mean.

Would you like me to **clarify** exactly what that means?





I can **slow down** if that helps.

I didn't **catch** that. Could you repeat it?







Multiple choice

I didn't ______ your name.

a. listen

Choose the right answer to complete the sentence.

1	I don't think I know what you		
	a. say	b. mean	
2	Can you	exactly what that means?	
	a. clarify	b. pardon	
3	Would you mind	down a little?	
	a. slowing	b. slowly	

b. catch





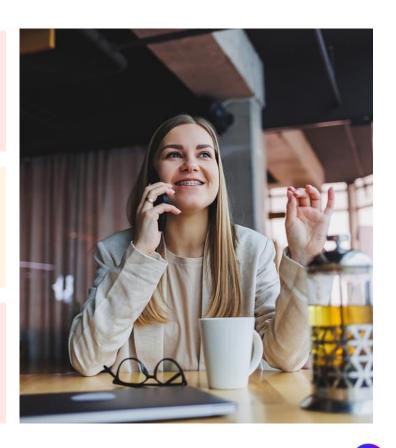
Discuss

Answer the questions below.

Can you remember the last time you misunderstood something in English?

2 What happened? How did you feel?

Do you feel better now that you've learned some useful phrases to help?





Expressing surprise, shock, or amazement

In the next slides you will learn some words/phrases to express *surprise*, *shock*, or *amazement*.













wow

no way





Wow! I can't believe the news!

No way! Did you see that?





Oh my goodness...

How nice...





Oh my goodness, that's incredible!

Did you get these flowers for me? **How nice!**





What a day...



I've been so busy at work—what a day!





I'm shocked!

Review the sentences below.



No way, you're from Marseille too?

Oh my goodness, it's so great to see you!





What a lovely birthday cake! **How nice** of you to organise this party for me.

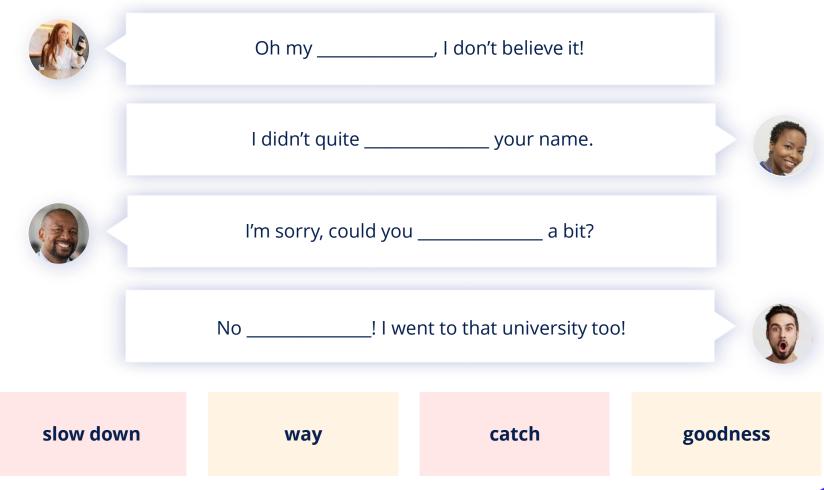








Complete the sentences







Discuss



In breakout rooms or together as a class, **think** of a situation for each of the phrases below.





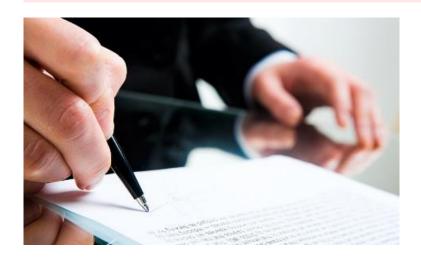


Discuss

Answer the questions below.

What are your favourite words/phrases from the lesson? Why?





Which words/phrases were new to you?



Let's reflect!

 Can you use simple expressions for when you don't understand something?

 Can you express your surprise or shock in conversation using some simple phrases?

Your teacher will now make one suggestion for improvement for each student.



End of the lesson

Idiom

to get the wrong end of the stick

Meaning: to understand something in the wrong way (*British*, *informal*)

Example: I got the wrong end of the stick and bought the wrong type of food.







Additional practice



Find the phrases



Create as many phrases as you can from the words below.







Fill in the gaps



Fill in the gaps with the correct word

1	Could you that?		
2	Can you speak a little?		
3	How do you your name?		
4	You bought me flowers – how!		
5	Oh my, I don't believe it!		

pronounce

louder

repeat

goodness

nice





Complete the sentences

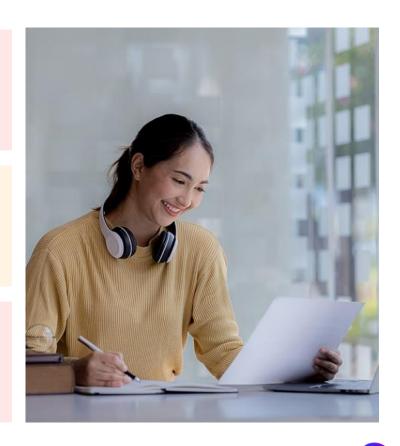


Complete the sentences with your own ideas.

1 No way! I...

2 What a day! First, ...

3 How nice of you to...





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Answer key

P.19: 1.) mean 2.) clarify 3.) slowing 4.) catch

P.26: goodness, catch, slow down, way

P.32: oh my goodness, what a day, how nice, no way

P.33: 1.) repeat 2.) louder 3.) pronounce 4.) goodness





Summary

Saying you don't understand:

- to mishear; to misunderstand \rightarrow I think I **misheard** the question; We've **misunderstood** each other
- oto make sense \rightarrow I can't **make sense** of his accent.

Asking for clarification:

- to spell; to pronounce \rightarrow How do you **spell** that, please?; Can you **pronounce** that for me?
- to mean; to clarify; to slow down \rightarrow Can you **clarify** what you **mean**?; Would you mind **slowing down**?

Expressing surprise and shock:

- Wow; No way!; Oh my goodness!
- How nice...; What a day...



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Vocabulary

to mishear to misunderstand to spell to pronounce to make sense to mean to clarify to slow down to catch WOW

no way
oh my goodness
How nice...
What a day...





Notes

