

COMMUNICATION

# Continuing a conversation

**LEVEL**

Elementary (A2)

**NUMBER**

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**LANGUAGE**

English



## 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

**Can you clarify  
what you mean?**

**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**?



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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?

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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?

It will all **make sense** when you practise your listening skills.





# 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.

c

e

h

m

p

r

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# 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.

answer

ballet

fifteen/fifty

comfortable



to mean



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

to clarify



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

to slow down



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

**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

4 I didn't \_\_\_\_\_ your name.

a. listen

b. catch



# Discuss

**Answer** the questions below.

- 1 Can you remember the last time you misunderstood something in English?
- 2 What happened? How did you feel?
- 3 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**



**Wow!** I can't believe the news!

**no way**



**No way!** Did you see that?

Oh my goodness...



**Oh my goodness**, that's incredible!

How nice...



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.

**What a day!** First, I missed my flight, but then I got upgraded to first class!





# Complete the sentences



Oh my \_\_\_\_\_, I don't believe it!

I didn't quite \_\_\_\_\_ your name.



I'm sorry, could you \_\_\_\_\_ a bit?

No \_\_\_\_\_! I went to that university too!



**slow down**

**way**

**catch**

**goodness**





# Discuss

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

wow

no way

how nice

oh my  
goodness

Can you clarify  
that?

what a day



# Discuss

Answer the questions below.

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



**Which words/phrases were new to you?**



# 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.



oh

what

nice

no

day

how

way

my

goodness

a





# 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...





## 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 → I think I **misheard** the question; We've **misunderstood** each other*
- *to make sense → I can't **make sense** of his accent.*

## Asking for clarification:

- *to spell; to pronounce → How do you **spell** that, please?; Can you **pronounce** that for me?*
- *to mean; to clarify; to slow down → 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...*



# Vocabulary

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