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SPEAKING • Making plans over the phone

I can make plans with friends.

THINK! When you want to tell friends something important, do you phone or text?

Anna Hello?

Mike Hi, Anna. It's Mike.

Anna Hi there. How are things?

Mike Good. Are you ¹.....?

Anna Yes. Why?

Mike Well, I'm ²..... with Sally in town. We're thinking of going to the ³..... Are you interested?

Anna I'd like to come, but I can't right now.

Mike What ⁴.....?

Anna I'm waiting to Skype my ⁵..... in Canada. What time's the ⁶.....?

Mike It's at four o'clock.

Anna Oh, that's OK. I can make it at four. That's lots of time to Skype and then get the ⁷..... into town.

Mike Cool! Text me when you're on the bus.

Anna OK. See you later.



Anna

- 1** **1.22** Complete the dialogue with the phrases in the box. Then watch or listen and check. What does Mike want to do? Why can't Anna meet Mike now?

are you doing at home bus
cinema cousin film having coffee

- 2** **1.22** Read the Key Phrases. Cover the dialogue and try to remember who says the phrases, Anna or Mike. Which key phrases are not used? Watch or listen again and check.

KEY PHRASES

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- 1 We're thinking of going to the cinema. ☐
- 2 Are you interested? ☐
- 3 I can't right now. ☐
- 4 I can't make it. ☐
- 5 I'm not sure. ☐
- 6 Nothing special. ☐
- 7 I can make it at four. ☐
- 8 Text me when you're on the bus. ☐

- 3** **Work in pairs. Practise the dialogue.**

- 4** **1.23** Put the dialogue in the correct order. Listen and check. Then practise it with your partner.

- ☐ A Oh, right. Text me later when you're free, OK?
- ☐ A Bye.
- ☒ A We're thinking of playing football. Are you interested?
- ☐ A Why? What are you doing?
- ☐ B I can't right now. Maybe later.
- ☐ B OK then. Bye.
- ☐ B Nothing special. I'm doing my homework.

- 5** **USE IT!** Work in pairs. Read the situation. Practise a new dialogue using the key phrases and the dialogue in exercise 1 to help you.

Student A: Phone student B and ask if he / she's interested in going shopping.

Student B: Ask student A for details and say that you aren't sure: you're playing video games at the moment, and you're winning. Ask if you can go another time.