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A An informal conversation 🎧

> DAN   I thought the **do** at Coleen's would be **a good laugh**, but actually it was **a bit of a drag**.
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> TIM   Yeah, **lousy** I thought. And asking people to pay twenty **quid** was a bit of a **rip-off**. There wasn't much to eat either, but then Coleen is a bit **tight-fisted**, isn't she?
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> DAN   She can be. And who was that **vile bloke** in the black leather jacket? He was awful.
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> TIM   Yeah, he was **a pain**, wasn't he? He spent ages **moaning** about his flatmate, and then when I got up and went to the **loo**, he **pinched** my drink.
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> DAN   **What a nerve!**

Glossary (*all these items are informal*)

do	a friendly informal meeting or party. SYN **get-together**.	**vile**	very bad or unpleasant (a **vile** smell). SYN **disgusting**.
a (good) laugh	an enjoyable experience.	**bloke**	a man. SYN **guy**.
a (bit of a) drag	a boring or annoying occasion or situation.	**a (real) pain**	an annoying person or situation. SYN **a pain in the neck**.
lousy	bad, unpleasant, or of poor quality (a **lousy** film, **lousy** weather).	**moan (about sth)**	complain (about sth) in a way that annoys people.
quid	a pound (£) in money (PL **quid** NOT ~~quids~~).	**loo**	a toilet.
rip-off	a thing that is not worth what you pay for it. **rip sb off** v.	**pinch sth**	steal sth. SYN **nick sth**.
tight-fisted	not generous with money. SYNS **tight, stingy**.	**What a nerve!**	used to say you think sb's behaviour is rude or inappropriate. SYN **What a cheek!**

1 Replace the underlined word(s) with an informal equivalent.

1. It was a <u>man</u> in the street. _____
2. Who <u>stole</u> your pen? _____
3. He's always <u>complaining</u>. _____
4. What a <u>horrible</u> smell. _____
5. He is so <u>mean</u>. _____
6. It was ten <u>pounds</u>. _____
7. The film was <u>terrible</u>. _____
8. He's gone to the <u>toilet</u>. _____

2 Complete the dialogues with a single word.

1. Is he very annoying?   ~ Yes, he's a real _____ .
2. Was the party enjoyable?   ~ Yes, it was a good _____ .
3. Did the company overcharge you?   ~ Yeah, it was a _____ .
4. Was the trip boring?   ~ Yes, it was a bit of a _____ .
5. What a _____ !   ~ Yeah, it was incredibly rude, wasn't it?
6. Are they having a do at the office?   ~ Yeah, just an informal _____ .

Remember to test yourself