

Using the dictionary

Choosing the right word

A Match each sentence beginning (1–6) with a suitable ending (a–f). Then use the SYNONYMS box at **discussion** to check your answers.

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| 1 The protesters are calling for a parliamentary | a) chat about the party next week? |
| 2 Can we have a quick | b) talk with her about her behaviour. |
| 3 It was fun to have a good | c) conversation to discuss the schedule. |
| 4 The critics have criticised the | d) debate on the future of education. |
| 5 We can either have a meeting or just a telephone | e) dialogue for being unrealistic. |
| 6 The head teacher had a long | f) gossip about her new partner. |

B a) Look up **talk** and use the SYNONYMS box to help you choose the correct verb to complete each sentence. Use each word only once.

consult communicate speak discuss debate

- 1 I'd like to _____ to the manager, please.
- 2 You should _____ your lawyer before you sign any documents.
- 3 The two sides will _____ the issue and then a vote will be taken.
- 4 Many young people prefer to _____ by text message rather than face to face.
- 5 I tried to _____ the situation with my dad but he just got angry.

b) What specific information does the SYNONYMS box give you about how to use the verb 'discuss'?

C Read the following sentences. Is the word in bold the best word to choose? Put a tick next to the sentence or write a word which you think is better. Then use the SYNONYMS box at **speech** to check your answers.

speech lecture address talk sermon

- 1 The vicar gave an extremely interesting **speech** in church last Sunday. _____
- 2 I didn't understand much of the **lecture** because the professor spoke so quickly. _____
- 3 It was the first time that the President delivered a **talk** to the whole nation. _____
- 4 My brother is giving an **address** at his best friend's wedding. _____
- 5 We all have to prepare a **sermon** on the environment to give to our classmates. _____