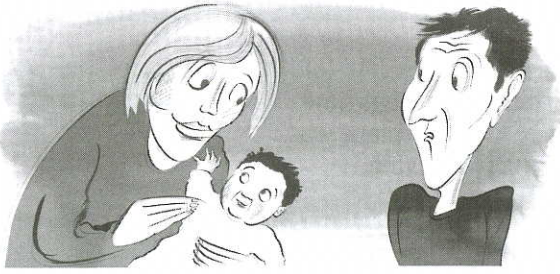


A



You're **Emma** and you've been together with your partner Martin for five years. There are several things you've been wanting to talk to him about.

1 The baby You had a baby daughter, which you both wanted, 11 months ago. Since then, you've felt incredibly tired (it's always you who gets up at night when she cries), and you seem to be doing everything related to the baby. Martin does nothing. You want Martin to help you more with the baby but the only problem is that he's completely useless!

2 Your mum Your mum (a widow) lives in the same city and she usually visits you most afternoons, and at weekends. She's great company and you love her visits. She also helps you a lot with the baby. Recently you've noticed that Martin isn't as friendly to your mum as he used to be.

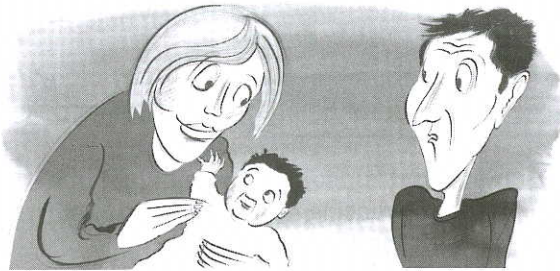
3 Money Before having the baby you had a well-paid job. You think a baby should be with its mother until it is at least three years old. You definitely don't want to go back to work but Martin's salary isn't enough. He only works seven hours a day in a bank so maybe he could work longer and earn more money.

4 His Internet obsession Martin loves his computer! The computer is in the study and Mark spends hours there when he comes home from work. Why doesn't he sit and talk to you or watch TV with you? You've heard a lot about Internet dating. Could Mark have a cyber girlfriend?

Tonight after dinner talk to Martin about these problems and try to reach an agreement. Keep calm and don't lose your temper.

- Try to get Martin to agree to help you more with the baby.
- Find out what the problem is with Martin and your mum.
- Try to persuade Martin to do overtime at work.
- Try to persuade Martin to spend less time on the computer in the evening.

B



You're **Martin** and you've been together with your partner Emma for five years. There are several things you've been wanting to talk to her about:

1 The baby You had a baby daughter, which you both wanted, 11 months ago. Emma's completely obsessed with the baby and you've felt ignored since she was born. If you try to feed the baby, give her a bath or dress her, Emma always says that you are doing it wrong! Now, you just don't try and help her at all. You know when you're not wanted!

2 Your mother-in-law Emma's mum (a widow) lives in the same city. Your mother-in-law is always at your house in the evenings, and at the weekend too. When you get home you just want to relax but you can't if your mother-in-law's there too! Also, she's incredibly bossy. She doesn't let you do anything with the baby either.

3 Work and money Before having the baby, Emma used to have a well-paid job. When she had the baby you both agreed that it would be better for her to stay at home until the baby was at least three years old. But it's impossible for you to live on just your salary. You think that Emma will have to go back to work as soon as possible.

4 Your computer hobby You often go to the study and use the computer in the evening. You need some time to yourself to relax after working all day, and to escape from your mother-in-law. You enjoy 'chatting' with the friends you've made on the Internet – none of them are women. Recently Emma has been getting very angry about you spending time on the computer.

Tonight after dinner talk to Emma about these problems and try to reach an agreement. Keep calm and don't lose your temper.

- Try and convince Emma to let you do more with the baby.
- Suggest to Emma that her mother could visit less often. Be careful! She's very sensitive about this subject.
- Try to persuade Emma to go back to work.
- Explain your reasons for wanting to use the computer in the evening.