

9A Grammar

Reflexive and reciprocal pronouns

A Complete the questionnaire with the correct pronouns.

ARE YOU A RISK TAKER?

1 You are walking down the street and see a wallet stuffed with money on the pavement. How would you react?

- A It would make _____ suspicious – maybe this is some kind of trick with a hidden camera?
- B I would help _____ to some of the money, but not all of it.
- C I would say to _____ ‘This is my lucky day!’, take the wallet and run off.

2 A good friend, Ludmila, is in financial trouble and needs to borrow some money from you.

- A I wouldn't do anything. Ludmila should sort this out _____.
- B I would help _____ by giving _____ a reasonable amount.
- C Friends should help _____. I'd give Ludmila all the money I had.

3 Another friend, Carlos, asks you to do a bungee jump with him.

- A Carlos can do it by _____; I'm scared of heights.
- B If Carlos _____ was prepared to jump first, then I might give it a go.
- C Sure, I'd do anything for _____. He's a good friend.

4 An elderly couple at the airport give you a package and ask you to deliver it to their friend at your destination airport.

- A I'd say to the couple: ‘Take it _____!’
- B I'd ask if I could look inside the package _____ before I agreed to anything.
- C I'd be glad to help _____.

5 You're at home watching a horror film with some friends. You hear a chilling scream outside the window.

- A We'd convince _____ that something terrible had happened and phone the police.
- B We'd look at _____ and wait for someone to volunteer to check what was going on outside.
- C I'd tell my friends to carry on watching the film and I'd go outside _____.

6 You're walking back home late at night. A man in a car stops and offers you a lift.

- A I'd never find _____ in that kind of situation because I never walk alone in the dark.
- B I'd say, ‘Thanks, but I can get home by _____.’
- C I'd thank _____ and get in the car.

7 You get an email saying that you will win \$200,000 if you reply with your full contact details.

- A I would delete _____ and change my email password.
- B Even if the email _____ sounded genuine, I'd email back and ask for further information.
- C I would immediately email my details across and feel very pleased with _____ afterwards.

B  Work in pairs. Ask and answer the questions. Record your partner's answers and then read the analysis.

Analysis

Mostly As: You pride yourself on your common-sense approach to life and the only risk in it is not having any fun. Stop playing it safe and live life on the edge now and again. Find a person with 'Mostly Bs' – you have a lot to learn!

Mostly Bs: You've found the perfect balance between being responsible and enjoying your life. Those with 'Mostly As' and 'Mostly Cs' can learn from you!

Mostly Cs: It's surprising that you've survived long enough to answer these questions! You live for the moment and don't spend long enough thinking through the implications of your actions. Stop taking so many risks and find a person with 'Mostly Bs' – you have a lot to learn!