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## Unit 8 Speaking on the phone

### Conversations

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- a Dan
- b Lisa Evans
- c Mr Dawson
- d 1

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- 1 Sorry I can't take your call
- 2 I'll get back to you as soon as I can.
- 3 I'm just calling to say
- 4 the line's terrible
- 5 Can you repeat that?
- 6 I didn't catch that.
- 7 Yes, speaking.
- 8 Listen, I'm not interested.

### Saying it accurately

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|---------|----------|
| 1 take  | 5 Listen |
| 2 get   | 6 hear   |
| 3 get   | 7 catch  |
| 4 speak | 8 line   |

### Saying it clearly

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Speaker B is clear and easy to understand.  
Speaker A speaks too quickly and does not leave pauses between phrases.

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(Answers will vary.)

### Saying it appropriately

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- 1 er / uh
- 2 um
- 3 mmm
- 4 (sigh)

### Get speaking

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(Answers will vary. Suggested answers only)

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- Hey, how are you? Do you want to come round for dinner this week?
- Which day is OK for you?
- Call me when you get this message, then we can arrange things. OK? Bye.

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- Yes, the line's terrible. It's difficult to hear you.
- Sorry, can you repeat that?
- OK. Shall we meet at 6.30 at your house?

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- er... umm... Thank you, but I'm not interested.
  - er... umm... No, I'm sorry, I'm really not interested.
  - (sigh) Listen, I'm not interested. Thank you for calling. Goodbye.
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