

Chit-chat

Dictate the dialogue to a partner who will write it down in the space provided. Don't forget to fill in the gaps!

The King's Hotel, London. David's 40th birthday party.

Janet and Marilyn meet for the first time while getting drinks from the buffet.

Student A's worksheet

Janet: _____ me! Could you pass me the wine, please?

Marilyn: _____

Janet: Red, thanks. I heard somewhere that red wine can lower the risk of heart _____.

Marilyn: _____

Janet: Mmm! _____! Oh, it's a Bleasdale.

Marilyn: _____

Janet: That's _____, Bleasdale. It's from Australia.

Marilyn: _____

David: Hi! How are you?

Janet: _____ thanks. We're just helping ourselves to some wine.

David: That's the spirit! (*So soll es sein!*) I just have to see if my mum's OK. She went to the loo half an hour ago and hasn't been seen since.

Marilyn: _____

Janet: _____ to meet you, Marilyn. I'm Janet. So how do you know David?

Marilyn: _____

Janet: Good _____.

Student B's worksheet

Janet: _____

Marilyn: _____, Red or white?

Janet: _____

Marilyn: I'll drink to that (*Darauf trinke ich*). _____! Here you go!

Janet: _____

Marilyn: I only _____ California wines. I'm from Napa Valley, you know. I've never _____ of this one. Bleasdale?

Janet: _____

Marilyn: You're right. It is delicious (*köstlich*). David sure has good _____. Ah, speak of the devil (*wenn man vom Teufel spricht*)!

David: Hi! How are you?

Janet: _____

David: That's the spirit! (*So soll es sein!*) I just have to see if my mum's OK. She went to the loo half an hour ago and hasn't been seen since.

Marilyn: Well, if David's not going to do the introductions, I guess it's up to us. I'm _____.

Janet: _____

Marilyn: We met last year through somebody we both know. Hey! Why don't we grab some food and sit in the _____?

Janet: _____

On the bright side — Optimist or pessimist?

Read the questionnaire and circle either *a*, *b* or *c*.

- Your boyfriend / girlfriend rings you up to come over. He / she wants to discuss something.
 - You think he / she wants to break up.
 - You'll ask him / her to help with some painting afterwards.
 - You prepare a romantic dinner.
- You've just lost your job. What's your reaction?
 - I'll never get such a good job again.
 - I'll move back in with my parents.
 - I'll find a better job soon enough.
- You're 40. How do you see your life in 20 years?
 - I'll probably have some disease.
 - Don't know. Whatever happens, happens.
 - Happy and contented with what I've got.
- It's winter and it's very cold outside.
 - I hate winter, because I always get depressed.
 - It's just another time of year.
 - It's a beautiful season.
- It's your 60th birthday.
 - The best years of my life are over.
 - I'm getting older. So what? It happens to everybody.
 - I've got another 30 years to party!
- When something terrible happens, which of the following sums up your reaction?
 - Life sucks! Why is it always me?
 - You live, you learn.
 - Whatever doesn't kill you, makes you stronger.
- At the end of the day, which phrase best describes your feelings?
 - Tomorrow can't be any worse — or can it?
 - Another day gone; still enough money in the bank.
 - I'm grateful for today and look forward to tomorrow.
- What's your motto in life?
 - No sense trying. Everything is pre-determined.
 - I'll do my best and accept my limits.
 - Always look on the bright side.