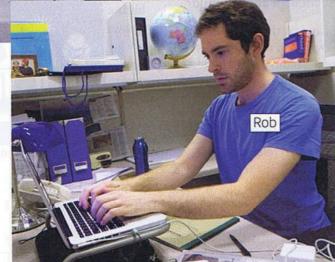
# Practical English Meeting the parents

### 1 INTRODUCTION

a Look at the photos. Describe Jenny and Rob.





b (1) 28)) Watch or listen to Jenny and Rob talking. Complete the gaps.

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2	Rob came to N	New York a few 3_	
ago. He h	ad met Jenny when	she went to 4	on a
	. They got on very		ffered a job
for a mon		Later he was offe	
6	job. Jenny help	ed Rob 7	an
apartmen	nt, and they are enjo	oying life in the U	SA,
	Rob misses his frie		

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 flat = British English

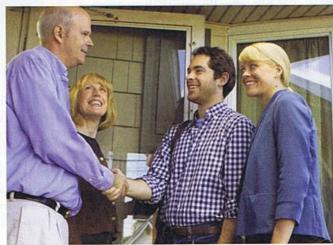
## 2 REACTING TO WHAT PEOPLE SAY

a (1) (29)) Watch or listen to Jenny introducing Rob to her parents. What bad news does Rob have for Jenny? What good news does Jenny have for her parents?

#### O British and American English mom = American English mum = British English

- b Watch or listen again and mark the sentences T (true) or F (false). Correct the F sentences.
  - 1 Rob left the chocolates at the office.
  - 2 Rob's desk is usually very tidy.
  - 3 It's the second time that Rob has met Jenny's parents.
  - 4 Sally has prepared a big dinner.
  - 5 Jenny's new job is Managing Director.
  - 6 Jenny is going to be Rob's manager.





c (1) 30)) Look at some extracts from the conversation. Can you remember any of the missing words? Watch or listen and check.

1	Jenny	Don't forget the chocolates.		
	Rob	OK. Oh!		
	Jenny	I don't it. Don't tell me you forgot them?		
	Rob	I think they're still on my desk.		
	Jenny	kidding.		
2	Jenny	Mom, I'm really sorry – we bought you some chocolates, but we left them at the office.		
	Sally	What a mind.		
3	Jenny Sally	But I also have some good news? What's that?		
4	Sally	So you've got a promotion?		
	Harry	That's great!		
5	Sally	Let's go and have dinner. What a idea!		

d (1) 31)) Watch or listen and repeat the phrases in the chart below. Copy the rhythm and intonation.

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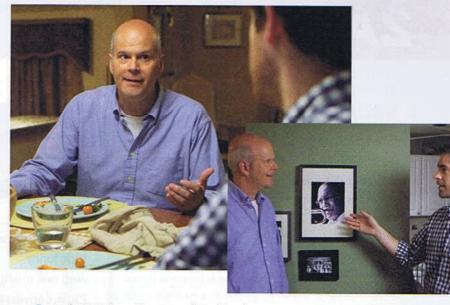
What you say when you hear		
something surprising	You're kidding. I don't believe it.	
something interesting	Really?	
some good news	How fantastic! That's great news What a great idea!	
some bad news	Oh no! What a pity. Never mind.	

- We often use How + adjective or What + noun to respond to what people say.

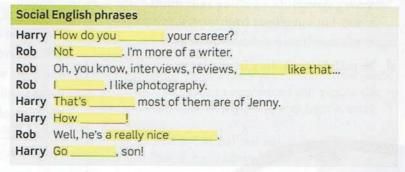
  How interesting! How awful! How amazing!

  What a pity! What a good idea! What terrible news!
- e Practise the dialogues in c with a partner.

### 3 HARRY FINDS OUT MORE ABOUT ROB



- a (1) 32)) Watch or listen to the after dinner conversation. Does the evening end well or badly?
- b Watch or listen again and answer the questions.
  - 1 What university did Jenny go to?
  - 2 Is Harry impressed by Rob's job? Why (not)?
  - 3 What does Harry like doing in his free time?
  - 4 Who are most of the photos in the dining room of?
  - 5 Who are Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and Wynton Marsalis?
  - 6 What surprises Harry about Rob?
- c Look at the Social English phrases. Can you remember any of the missing words?



- d (1 33)) Watch or listen and complete the phrases.
- e Watch or listen again and repeat the phrases. How do you say them in your language?

(	Can you?
	react to good news, bad news, unexpected news, and interesting news
I	introduce yourself and other people
	use phrases which give you time to think, e.g. you know, I mean, etc.