# 11 What's the problem?

# Suggesting solutions

- 1 (11) What's wrong with this drill? Listen and find out.
- 2 Why can't he:
  - 1 use the drill?
  - 2 plug it in at the wall?
  - 3 use the socket over there?
  - 4 use the extension lead?
  - 5 buy another extension lead?
- **3** Work with a partner. Read the conversation together. What are the missing words?
  - A This is no good.
  - B What's with it?
  - A The is flat.
  - B Why don't you it in at the
  - A I can't. There's no :: here.
- B There's a .
- A Yes, but it's
- B Then use the
- A I can't. It's
- B Then another one.
- A That's 12. Just 1 13 problem.
  - Do you have any

- 4 Look at the pictures and find something:
  - 1 heavy 3 dangerous

2 hot

- dangerous 5 expensive
- 4 long 6 small



- 5 Work with a partner and explain the problems. Use too.
  - A Bring me that box.
  - B I can't. It's too heavy.
- **6** Match these problems to the best solution.

## **Problems**

- 1 I'm feeling sleepy.
- 2 These batteries are flat\*.
- 3 I have a headache.
- 4 I have no money.
- 5 My watch is broken.
- 6 I can't reach the top shelf.
- 7 This rope is too long.
- 8 I can't remember this password.
- 9 This tank is empty.
- 10 I can't remove this cover.

## Solutions

- Take an aspirin.
- b Write it down.
- c Buy a new one.
- d Hit it with a hammer. Have some strong coffee.
- f Cut it in half.
- g Find a cash machine.
- h Fill it.
- Use a ladder.
- | Replace them.

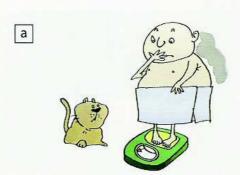
## flat batteries BrE - dead batteries AmE

- **7** Work with a partner.
  - A read a problem.
  - B suggest a solution. Say Why don't you ...?

## Example

- A I'm feeling sleepy.
- B Why don't you have some strong coffee?
- A That's a good idea. / OK, I will.

- **8** Match the problems with the correct picture.
  - 1 I can't remember English words.
  - 2 I want to lose weight.
  - 3 My computer is very slow.
  - 4 I want to reduce my electricity bills.









**9** Work with some other students. One person explains a problem. The others suggest different solutions. Try to suggest a lot of solutions.

## Impossible and necessary

1 (12) Is parking a problem in your city? Look at the picture. What's the problem? Listen and find out.



- **2** Complete the conversation.
  - A Sorry, you \_\_\_\_\_\_1 park here. You \_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_2 move.
  - B Where can we park?
  - A There's a car park\* down the street.
  - B But it's full.
  - A Then you \_\_\_\_\_\_3 use a meter.
  - B But we ......4 find a meter.
  - A Sorry, but that sign means no parking.

car park BrE - parking lot AmE

**3** Which phrase means 'it's necessary'? Which phrase means 'it's impossible'? Complete the rules with can't and have to.

### can't and have to

Use \_\_\_\_\_ if something is necessary.
Use \_\_\_\_\_ if something is impossible.

- **4** Complete the information about these UK parking signs. Use can't or have to.
  - At any time

This sign means you \_\_\_\_\_ park at any time. You \_\_\_\_\_ find another place to leave your car.

Between 8am and 6pm

This sign means you can park, but it's restricted. You \_\_\_\_\_ read the

times on the sign. You \_\_\_\_\_ park on this street between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.

20 mins only
No return
within 40 mins

This sign also means parking is restricted. You can park on this street for 20 minutes, but

then you \_\_\_\_\_ move your car. You \_\_\_\_\_ come back and park again for 40 minutes.

- **5** What do these signs mean? Work with a partner. Take turns to ask and answer questions. Use the words under the signs.
  - A What does this sign mean?
  - B It means you can't / have to ...



1 turn right.



2 stop.



3 overtake.



4 make a U-turn.



5 turn left.



6 slow down.

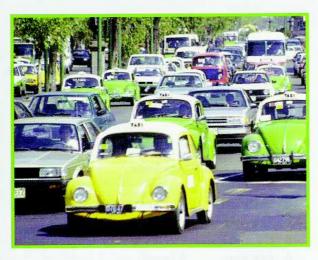


7 drive over 30 mph.



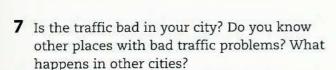
8 watch out for children.

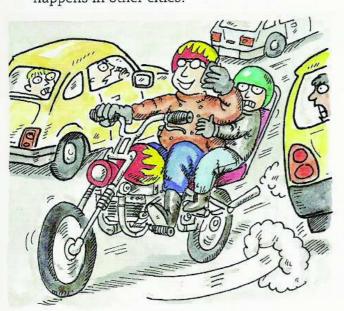
- **6** Read about driving and traffic in Mexico City and Bangkok.
  - What are the things José and Sanghop:
  - 1 can't do?
  - 2 have to do?

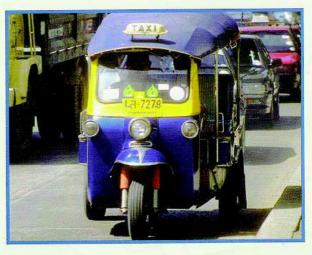


#### José

'I have to leave my car at home on Wednesdays because of the air pollution. The government restricts the number of cars in Mexico City. The last number of my licence plate is three. On Wednesdays 'threes' and 'fours' can't drive. And on Thursdays 'ones' and 'twos' can't drive, and so on. So on Wednesdays, I have to get a ride with a friend or take a bus.'







## Sanghop

'The traffic in Bangkok is terrible. Some evenings I can't get home. I have to stay with a friend and sleep on their floor. We have a lot of tuk-tuks. They are open taxis for one or two people. There are no sides and the air is very dirty. I have to take my clothes to the cleaner's after the ride.'

- **8** Work with some other students. Imagine a foreign visitor is coming to your city. They want to know about driving and traffic. Think of things drivers:
  - 1 can't do
  - 2 have to do.

Make lists. Here are some ideas to help you start.

speed restrictions
age restrictions
tests
documentation (driving licence? insurance?)
mobile phones
seat belts

### Example

You can't drive over 90 km/h on motorways in Norway. That's 56 mph. You have to wear seat belts at all times, and you have to ...