

## Everyday English You poor thing!

1 Read the three conversations. What's the problem in each?



### Conversation 1

- A Oh dear! What happened to you?  
 B Oh, I fell and twisted my ankle.  
 A <sup>1</sup> How did you do that?  
 B Well, I was walking and texting and I didn't see this bump in the pavement and ...  
 A ... so you fell while texting. Mmm ... then <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

### Conversation 2

- A How was the restaurant?  
 B <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ We're not going back there again!  
 A Why not?  
 B Well, I found a caterpillar in my salad – I nearly swallowed it!  
 A Ugh! <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

### Conversation 3

- A My phone's broken. It fell down the loo.  
 B Oh no! <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ Is it completely ruined?  
 A No, I've put it in a bag of rice.  
 B You've done what?! Why?  
 A Well, someone told me the best way to dry it out, is to leave it in rice for 48 hours.  
 B Rice!? <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ I bet it won't work.

2 Read the conversations again. Complete 1–6 with the phrases a–f.

- a That's such nonsense!      d How disgusting!  
 b It was so bad!              e What a disaster!  
 c You poor thing!            f you've only got yourself to blame.

3 7.7 Listen and check. Practise the conversations.

Exclamations can be formed with *How, What, so, or such*.

*How + adjective: How awful!      How absolutely fantastic!*

*What + noun: What bad luck!      What a surprise!*

*so + adjective: It was so crowded!      There were so many people.*

*such + noun: He's such an idiot!      It was such fun!*

4 Complete the lines in **A** with *How, What, so, or such*. Match them with lines in **B**. What could the situations be?

A	B
1 His lectures are _____ boring!	a That's so kind of you.
2 Is it for me? _____ lovely!	b It rained every day.
3 _____ a coincidence!	c I never win anything.
4 You won £1,000! _____ luck!	d I can't help falling asleep.
5 That's _____ a stupid idea!	e It'll never work.
6 We had _____ terrible weather!	f I didn't know Tom was your cousin.

7.8 Listen, check and repeat.

5 Complete these exclamations. Then use them to complete conversations 4–6.

- a \_\_\_\_\_ a pity!              d It's \_\_\_\_\_ annoying!  
 b \_\_\_\_\_ dreadful!          e He's \_\_\_\_\_ a coward!  
 c It'll be \_\_\_\_\_ fun!      f \_\_\_\_\_ frustrating!

### Conversation 4

- A I hear you aren't coming to Max's 18th. <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 B Yes it is, but it's my grandpa's birthday, too.  
 A But everyone's going to Max's. <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 B I know, but it's Grandpa's 80th.  
 A Ah well, – don't worry! Max'll understand. An 80th birthday is more important than an 18th!

### Conversation 5

- A Carl texted Anna to say that he'd dumped her.  
 B <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ He couldn't tell her face to face?  
 A Yeah. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 B Well, I think she's well rid of him, don't you?

### Conversation 6

- A My Wi-Fi keeps disconnecting.  
 B <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ But you know what they say ...  
 A What?  
 B Just try turning everything off and on again.  
 A Yeah, I know, but I have to do that two or three times a day. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 B Time to call an engineer!

7.9 Listen and check.

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