

Making sure you understand

This worksheet will help you with:

- ▶ conversation in all situations
- ▶ GESE Grade 7, interactive and conversation phases
- ▶ ISE I, conversation task

Activity 1

Complete each sentence with the missing word. You can use the same word more than once.

Make sure you write the correct form of the word.

- 1 I'm sorry, what was.....again?
- 2 Sorry, I.....that.
- 3 I'm afraid I didn't quite.....that
- 4 Would you might.....that, please?
- 5 I'm sorry, what did you just.....?
- 6 Sorry, but I didn't.....that
- 7 Would you.....saying that again, please?
- 8 A I live in Pembroke Street. It's spelt P..
B Sorry, did you.....'P' or 'B'?
- 9 A I'm go to Banff for my summer holiday.
B Sorry, but.....did you say you're going?
- 10 A That house is really dilapidated!
B Sorry, what does the last word.....?

Activity 2

Sometimes you'll need to check that you've understood correctly. You can do that like this:

A My aunt's coming to stay with me for a week. Can you come up with some ideas for entertaining her?

B Sorry, but am I right in thinking you'd like me to suggest things you could do with your aunt?

Or

B Can I just check that you'd like me to suggest things you could do with your aunt?

Write B's reply to each of these.

1 A So what have you been up to recently?

B

2 A What do you think about eating in restaurants as opposed to eating at home?

B

Activity 3

In pairs, take turns to speak and listen for a minute or two. When you speak, choose a topic you're familiar with.

Here are some suggestions:

- ▶ What you're going to do in the next few days
- ▶ Your favourite sort of music
- ▶ Mobile phones
- ▶ Somebody you like or admire
- ▶ Friends

When you listen, use sentences like the ones in Activity 1 to make sure you hear and understand everything.



Star test-taker activity



Here are four sentences about making sure you understand the other person. At the beginning of each sentence, write 'True' or 'False'.

-If you don't hear what the other person has said, it's polite to say 'Repeat, please.'
- If you don't understand what the other person has said, it's polite to say 'Sorry, I didn't quite
.....catch that'.
- If you aren't quite sure what the other person has asked you to do, it's polite to say 'Sorry,
.....did you say.'
- If you aren't quite sure what the other person has asked you to do, it's polite to begin 'Can
.....I just check.'