

Exercise 9:

Student A

Step 1: Read line 1. Student B will choose a response and read it. Then you choose a response and read it, *etc.*

1. How is your son doing in college?
3. • That's great! When will he graduate? • I'm sorry to hear that. Is he having problems with his classes?
5. • That's too bad. Does he miss your family? • I see. Can he get help with his courses?
7. • I see. I know why he misses your cooking. It's because you are a good cook. • Oh, no. Where will he live?

Step 2: Student B will start. Then you choose and read a response, *etc.*

2. • I agree. It's a beautiful day today. • I have a friend who did something bad to me at a party.
4. • At first, at the party, I had a good time dancing. • That's terrible. How do you feel now?
6. • If it snows tonight, we will have to be careful when we drive tomorrow. • The day after the party, I saw him talking to some of our friends. They were laughing because he was showing them how I dance. He said that I danced like a crazy person.
8. • I didn't say anything. But I don't think that he is a good friend any more. • I think that I'll go to Asia next winter.

Step 3: Change parts with your partner. You will be Student B and do Ex. 9 again.

Step 4: While you wait for your classmates to finish, you can . . .

- talk to your partner about any topic that you want.
 - ask your partner these questions and have a conversation.
1. Do you live at home with your family?
 3. Do you like to dance?

Exercise 9 continued:***Student B***

Step 1: Student A will start. Then you choose and read a response, *etc.*

2. • He's having some problems. • She's having some problems.
4. • He is living in an apartment. • No. He is getting good grades, but I think he is homesick.
6. • Yes, I think he misses us a little, but I think he really misses home-cooked food. • I have two sons and a daughter.
8. • We always eat at 6 p.m. so I need to leave work at 4 p.m. every day. • Thank you. I really like cooking.

Step 2: Read line 1. Student A will choose a response and read it. Then you choose a response and read it, *etc.*

1. You look upset. What's the matter?
3. • Oh, no. What happened? • OK. Where did you lose it?
5. • That's too bad. I also work on Fridays. • I see. Then what happened?
7. • That's terrible. What did you do? • That's interesting. Do you like tennis?

Step 3: Change parts with your partner. You will be Student A and do Ex. 9 again.

Step 4: While you wait for your classmates to finish, you can . . .

- talk to your partner about any topic that you want.
 - ask your partner these questions and have a conversation.
2. Do you sometimes feel homesick?
 4. Who is your best friend?