

# 1.3

## Showing interest

Worksheet

**A** Practise these mini-dialogues.

**Student A**

- 1 I've just come back from France.
- 2 Mary went into hospital again.
- 3 We're thinking about getting a bigger flat.
- 4 Michael's looking for a new job.

**Student B**

- ▶ Have you? France! Where did you go?
- ▶ Again? What a pity. I must go and visit her.
- ▶ Are you? Where are you moving to? .
- ▶ Mhm. I'm not surprised.

Write examples of the techniques used by Student B to show interest.

Echo questions (repeating the auxiliary verb): *Have you?*

Echo words

Wh- questions

Making a personal response

**B** The table below shows some techniques for showing interest.

<b>Showing attention</b>	Right. Sure. Yes. Yeah. Yuh. Mhm. Uhuh.
<b>Echo questions</b>	Did you? Are they? Was it?
<b>Echo words</b>	Five hundred? Six months? All over the world?
<b>Wh- questions</b>	So what happened? Why was that, then? How did you feel?
<b>Personal response</b>	1 _____ Really? That sounds interesting.
	2 _____ Really! Fantastic! Great!
	3 _____ Exactly. Of course. Sure.
	4 _____ How awful. What a pity. Poor you.
	5 _____ No! That's strange! Good heavens!
	6 _____ Mhm. I'm not surprised.

Complete the table by writing one of these words in each space 1–6.

interest surprise no surprise pleasure agreement sympathy

**C** Write a response to these comments. Use ideas from section B and your own ideas.

Comment	Response
1 I saw Irina yesterday.	_____
2 I'm thinking about going to Brazil for my holidays.	_____
3 I was waiting all morning for the repair man.	_____
4 I went to see that new film last night.	_____

**D** Work with a new partner.

**Student A** Tell a story about something that happened to you recently.

**Student B** Show interest.