

Listening: Good news, bad news

1 What kinds of things do you and your colleagues talk about during work breaks? Think of some different conversation topics. Make a list.

- stories in the news
- the match last night
- the cost of living



2 **1.10** Listen to five conversations. Match each conversation to the correct photo below. Then decide if it is about good news or bad news.



3 **1.11** Here is the first conversation but it is in the wrong order. Number the sentences in the correct order. Then listen again and check.

- That's a pity.
 You poor thing. Are you better now?
 Yes, I'm fine, thanks.
 Tired?
 That's nice. Did you have a good time?
 Not really. I had to leave early.
 Yes, I had a bad headache.
 Yes, a bit. I went to a party last night.

4 **1.12** Here are some sentences from the next three conversations. Match each one to the correct response. Then listen again and check.

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| 1 Someone drove into her car this morning. | a Oh, nothing serious I hope. |
| 2 Her Honda's badly damaged. | b Wow! That's terrific! Congratulations! |
| 3 I couldn't go. | c Good! |
| 4 I had to take my daughter to the hospital. | d Yes, I can imagine. |
| 5 The interview went very well. | e Are you serious? |
| 6 In fact, they offered me the job. | f That's a shame. |
| 7 Yes, I'm really excited about it. | g Oh no! It's a new car. |

5 Look at the responses in exercise 4 again and answer these questions.

Which ones sound ...

- 1 surprised?
- 2 pleased?
- 3 delighted?
- 4 shocked?
- 5 sympathetic (kind and understanding when they hear about a problem)?