Practice

1 **Find and write the words that are usually short forms. There are two in each sentence.** 4.75 **Listen and check.**

0 I do not understand why you are so unhappy. ...don't... ...you're...
1 I have not had curry for years. I will enjoy this. ....
2 There is a bus stop on the corner. We will meet you there. ....
3 Jack and Alice can not join us because they are busy. ....
4 You must not leave your shoes there. It is dangerous. ....

2 **Decide which words are missing from these conversations and add them.** 4.76 **Listen and check.**

0 A Have you Seen Jason recently?
B No, I don't know where he is.
1 A Awful weather, isn't it?
B Yes, really bad for the time of year.
2 A OK, then, call you later.
B Right. Speak to you then.
3 A Ready?
B Not sure ... I can't find my passport.
4 A Hi. Want a quick coffee before we go?
B Mmm, great idea.
5 A More potatoes, Jen?
B Mmm, love some, and some carrots, too.

3 **Complete the conversation with *Mmm, Really, Yeah, right* or *OK*.** 4.77 **Listen and check.**

DYLAN Hi, Eddie. Coming to the match tonight?
EDDIE (0) ...Mmm..., not sure. I might have to work late.
DYLAN (1) .....? That's unusual. You don't often stay late.
EDDIE (2) ....., I know. You've got the tickets for the match, (3) .....?
DYLAN (4) ....., but my brother will come if you can't, so don't worry.
EDDIE Good. Look, I'll call you at about 6.00, (5) .....?

4 GRAMMAR IN USE **Write lines 1–3 again with short forms. Then complete lines 4–6 to make the conversation more informal.** 4.78 **Listen and check.**

0 DENISE Hi, Lynne. I have not seen you for a long time. Have you been away?
1 LYNNE We have been to Australia. We went to Sydney for the New Year celebrations.
2 DENISE I did not know you were going away. How long were you there?
3 LYNNE We were not there for long – only two weeks. Did you do anything for New Year?
00 DENISE We didn't do much. Your daughter lives in Australia, doesn't she?
4 LYNNE Yes, she does, in Perth. We went there for a week before we went to Sydney.
5 DENISE Do you want a coffee? I'm not too busy right now.
6 LYNNE I'd love one. I'll be with you in ten minutes.

0 Hi, Lynne, I haven't seen you for a long time. Have you been away?
1 ..... We went to Sydney for the New Year celebrations.
2 ..... How long were you there?
3 ..... only two weeks. Did you do anything for New Year?
00 Not much. Your daughter lives in Australia, right?
4 ....., in Perth. We went there for a week before we went to Sydney.
5 ..... a coffee? I'm not too busy right now.
6 ..... with you in ten minutes.