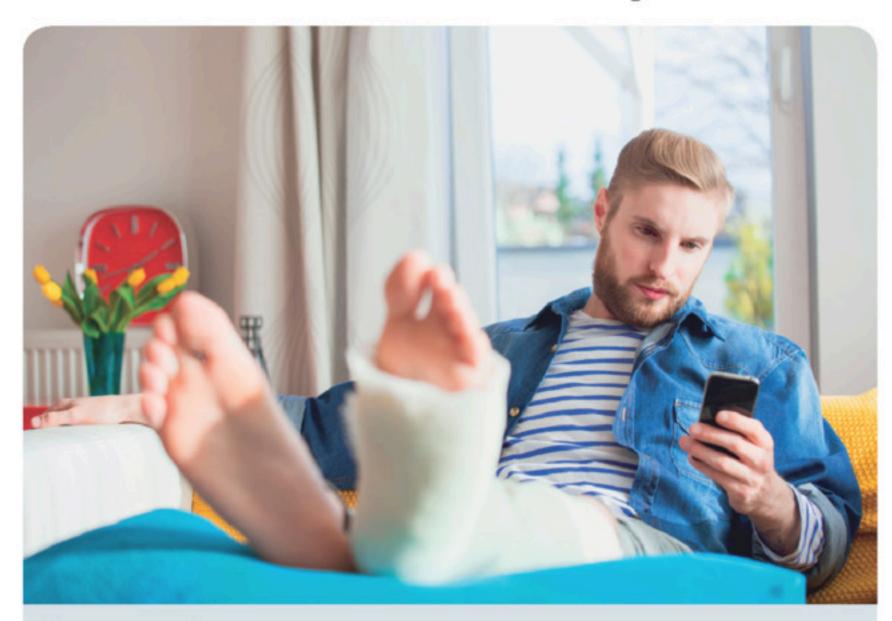
# **Everyday English** You poor thing!

1 Read the three conversations. What's the problem in each?



#### **Conversation 1**

- A Oh dear! What happened to you?
- **B** Oh, I fell and twisted my ankle.
- A 1 C How did you do that?
- **B** Well, I was walking and texting and I didn't see this bump in the pavement and ...
- A ... so you fell while texting. Mmm ... then 2.

#### **Conversation 2**

- A How was the restaurant?
- **B** 3\_\_\_\_ We're not going back there again!
- A Why not?
- **B** Well, I found a caterpillar in my salad I nearly swallowed it!
- A Ugh! 4\_\_\_\_

#### **Conversation 3**

- A My phone's broken. It fell down the loo.
- **B** Oh no! <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_ Is it completely ruined?
- A No, I've put it in a bag of rice.
- **B** You've done what?! Why?
- A Well, someone told me the best way to dry it out, is to leave it in rice for 48 hours.
- **B** Rice!? 6\_\_\_\_ I bet it won't work.
- 2 Read the conversations again. Complete 1–6 with the phrases a-f.
  - a That's such nonsense! d How disgusting!
- - b It was so bad!
- e What a disaster!
- c You poor thing!
- f you've only got yourself to blame.
- 3 (1) 7.7 Listen and check. Practise the conversations.

Exclamations can be formed with How, What, so, or such.

How + adjective: How awful!

How absolutely fantastic!

so + adjective: It was so crowded!

What + noun: What bad luck!

There were so many people.

such + noun: He's such an idiot!

It was such fun!

What a surprise!

**4** Complete the lines in **A** with *How*, *What*, *so*, or *such*. Match them with lines in **B**. What could the situations be?

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<ul> <li>1 His lectures are boring!</li> <li>2 Is it for me? lovely!</li> <li>3 a coincidence!</li> <li>4 You won £1,000! luck!</li> <li>5 That's a stupid idea!</li> <li>6 We had terrible weather!</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a That's so kind of you.</li> <li>b It rained every day.</li> <li>c I never win anything.</li> <li>d I can't help falling asleep.</li> <li>e It'll never work.</li> <li>f I didn't know Tom was your cousin.</li> </ul>

1) 7.8 Listen, check and repeat.

5	Complete these exclamations.	Then	use	them	to complete
	conversations 4–6.				

a	a pity!	d	It's	annoying!
b	dreadful!	e	He's	a coward
c It'll be _	fun!	f	V2	frustrating!

## **Conversation 4**

- A I hear you aren't coming to Max's 18th. 1\_\_\_\_\_
- **B** Yes it is, but it's my grandpa's birthday, too.
- A But everyone's going to Max's. 2\_\_\_\_\_
- **B** I know, but it's Grandpa's 80th.
- A Ah well, don't worry! Max'll understand. An 80th birthday is more important than an 18th!

#### **Conversation 5**

- A Carl texted Anna to say that he'd dumped her.
- **B** 3\_\_\_\_\_ He couldn't tell her face to face?
- A Yeah. 4\_\_\_\_\_
- **B** Well, I think she's well rid of him, don't you?

### **Conversation 6**

- A My Wi-Fi keeps disconnecting.
- **B** 5\_\_\_\_\_\_ But you know what they say ...
- A What?
- **B** Just try turning everything off and on again.
- A Yeah, I know, but I have to do that two or three times a day. <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_
- **B** Time to call an engineer!

1) 7.9 Listen and check.

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