

An exciting phone call

- 7.7** Read and listen to one side of a telephone conversation between **Isabel** and **Rick**.
 - Why is Isabel so excited?
 - Where is she going?
 - Who do you think David is?
 - Why is she calling Rick?
- Work with a partner. What do you think Isabel says in the conversation?
- 7.8** Listen to the whole conversation and compare your ideas.
- Practise the conversation with your partner. Try to remember Isabel's lines.

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Echo questions

- What is unusual about Rick's questions?

a I I've won a trip to New York.

R You've won what?

b I I'll be staying in the Ritz Carlton.

R You're staying where?

c I David and I have split up.

R You've done what?

What emotions do Rick's questions express?
Does he really not know the answer?

- Work with a partner. Take turns to read the statement and ask the questions.
 - My mum and dad went to Alaska on holiday.
'They went where?'
 - I got home at 5.00 this morning.
 - Laura paid €300 for a pair of jeans.
 - I saw the president while I was out shopping.
 - He invited me to the palace for a drink.

- 7.9** Listen, check and practise. Pay attention to stress and intonation.

R Isabel, hi!

I ...

R You've got to talk to me – about what?

I ...

R Yes, I can. I remember you doing it in the coffee bar. It was the one in the *Daily Sun*, wasn't it? Didn't you have to identify loads of states in the US?

I ...

R Never! I don't believe it. What's the prize?

I ...

R You've won what? You must be kidding! That's brilliant. For how long?

I ...

R You're staying where? The Ritz Carlton! I'm impressed! Doesn't that overlook Central Park?

I ...

R I thought so. Not that I've been there, of course.

I ...

R What do you mean? How would I ever be able to?

I ...

R You can't be serious? You know I'd love to! But why me? Surely you should be taking David?

I ...

R You've done what? When? I didn't know.

I ...

R Well, what can I say? How could I possibly refuse an offer like that?

I ...

R I certainly will!

