

Practice

1 Make negative questions with suitable forms of the verbs from the box. Some of the questions start with *Why* and you may need to add other words. Then match each question to one or two of the functions A–D below, as in the example.

3.38 Listen and check.

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- 0 'What's Paolo Nutini's new single like?'
'*Haven't you heard it*... yet? I'm amazed – it's on the radio every five minutes!' B
- 1 'Alice has just applied to join the college choir.'
'..... to it? I thought she joined last year.'
- 2 'Mr Soames from Brent Trading is coming in on the 6th for a lunchtime meeting.'
'Really? your holiday in that week?'
- 3 'Oh, you're back. I was just about to do the washing-up.'
'..... yet? I've been out for three hours!'
- 4 'Joe and I are going to the food festival on Sunday. us?'
'I'm busy on Sunday, I'm afraid, but thanks for asking.'
- 5 'Sorry, but I can't come to your dinner party tomorrow. I'm double-booked.'
'..... earlier? I've already bought all the food!'
- 6 'We need to get some flowers or something to take with us to the hospital.'
'Oh, then? You were going to do it in your lunch break.'
- 7 '..... those hair extensions look awful on older women?'
'No, actually, I don't. In fact, I'm thinking of having some put in.'
- 8 'Harriet Ellis may arrive late for the conference on Thursday.'
'..... the opening talk? That's a problem.'

- A asking for confirmation of an opinion
- B expressing surprise
- C expressing criticism
- D inviting / trying to persuade someone

2 **GRAMMAR IN USE** Complete the article, using suitable words from the box in a negative form.

advantage available convenience courteous cover credible intelligent legal possible usual

Strange but true

THIS RATHER (1) story from yesterday's news may have escaped your attention. Customs officials last night (2) an attempt at (3) entry into Britain by an (4) group of immigrants: fleas. The fleas belong to the Cardoso Flea Circus of Australia, who are due to perform this evening at the

Edinburgh Festival. The troupe (or the human part of it at least) feels that this is a highly (5) way to treat artists. They feel that it is (6) for them to cancel the show at this late stage, so despite the (7) of having lost their star performers, the show must go on. The flea trainer, Wyman Leung, is currently working with an alternative cast of fleas provided

by Cambridge and Bristol Universities, although it is a huge (8) to have to work with ordinary cat fleas, rather than the elite strain of crossed cat and kangaroo fleas that were sent back to Australia. The circus didn't even bother trying to train the somewhat (9) *pulex irritans* – the human flea. Home Office spokespeople were all (10) for comment.