

3 GRAMMAR IN USE Complete the conversation with one word only (or a contraction) in each gap.  3.39 Listen and check.

PAUL Where's Ricky tonight?

LEE He's still at school. It's the first meeting of the film club or something.

PAUL Another club? (1) he joined enough clubs and societies?

He's (2) ever here now.

LEE Well, he just wants to be with his friends ...

PAUL But we hardly ever see our son! He treats this place like a hotel. (3) he like his home any more?

LEE (4) don't you ask him? No, I'm sure he (5) trying to avoid us or anything. You know, I was reading an article about this the other day. It seems that (6) of us are comfortable with our own company and we need the security of like-minded people around us.

PAUL Like-minded?

LEE Yes, you know, (7) dissimilar in opinions and attitudes. So we join clubs to be with other people. That's why he's joined the film club.

PAUL But that's (8) sociable, is it? Sitting and watching films with other people.

Why (9) he join something where he has to interact with other people? Though that's a bit difficult for teenagers, isn't it?

LEE Oh, that really isn't fair! You should be nicer to your son.

PAUL I don't think it's (10) at all, it's true!

4 Write the second sentence so it has a similar meaning to the first. Use the word in brackets, as in the example.

0 Sending someone to prison for defending their own property isn't fair.

(injustice) *Sending someone to prison for defending their own property is an injustice.*.....

1 Phil claimed that he had no involvement in the pensions scam.

(denied)

2 If no payment is forthcoming, we will be obliged to remove your connection to the electricity supply.

(disconnect)

3 Hardly anyone from the housing cooperative showed any interest in joining the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

(few)

4 It isn't really possible to understand what the parents of seriously ill children must go through.

(hardly)

5 It appears that the director deliberately gave the investigators incorrect information.

(misinformed).....

6 It's best not to talk about topics like politics at dinner parties.

(avoid)

7 It isn't often that singers make it as actors, but Christina Aguilera has done so.

(rarely).....

8 Applications in which we are unable to read the writing will be automatically rejected.

(illegible).....