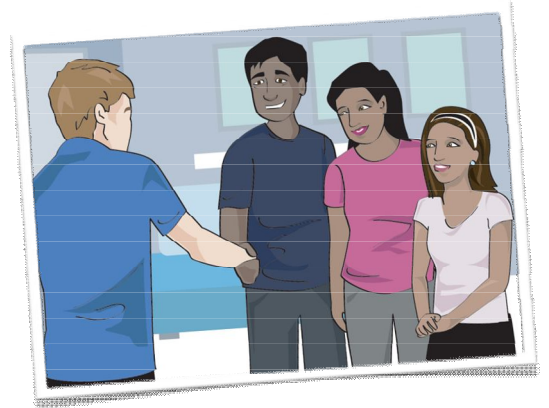




WARM UP

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. Have you ever introduced a boyfriend or girlfriend to your parents?
2. If yes, how did the meeting go?
3. What do you think it means when someone introduces someone else to his or her parents?
4. Do you enjoy meeting your friends' parents?
5. What meeting traditions do you have in your country?



MATCHING

Match these idioms to their correct definitions.

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| 1. What are you up to? | _____ a. to get someone's opinion,
to see what someone thinks |
| 2. to have a lot on one's plate | _____ b. children are similar to their parents |
| 3. to shoot | _____ c. to be an important part of someone's life |
| 4. to bounce an idea off of someone | _____ d. to be a lot alike, to share qualities |
| 5. to mean the world to someone | _____ e. to relieve the pressure or worry |
| 6. to take the weight off one's shoulders | _____ f. the ability to appreciate funny things |
| 7. the apple doesn't fall far from the tree | _____ g. What are you doing? <i>or</i> What are your plans? |
| 8. to joke around | _____ h. to tell someone about something |
| 9. sense of humor | _____ i. to have a good time |
| 10. to run in the family | _____ j. to have a lot to do, to be busy |
| 11. to have a ball | _____ k. to not be serious, to tell jokes |

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DIALOGUE BUILDING

The dialogue below is not in the right order. Your teacher will provide you with **cut-up dialogue strips**. Work alone or with a partner to put the dialogue in the right order.



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_____ Jon: I don't **have a lot on my plate**. Why?

_____ Amy: Well, my parents love to **joke around** like I do. We have the same **sense of humor**.

_____ Amy: I want to **bounce an idea off of you**.

_____ Jon: Okay, **shoot**.

_____ Jon: That sounds great. Thanks for inviting me, Amy.

_____ Amy: Jon, **what are you up to** over spring break?

_____ Amy: I'd like you to meet my parents. They'll be in town this weekend.

_____ Jon: Really? I'm honored.

_____ Amy: You like me, right? Well, **the apple doesn't fall far from the tree**.

_____ Amy: Well, you **mean the world to me**, so I want you to get to know them.

_____ Amy: Don't worry. Let me **take the weight off your shoulders**.

_____ Jon: How?

_____ Jon: I'm a little nervous.

_____ Jon: I guess it must **run in the family**.

_____ Jon: So you and your parents are very similar? How are you alike?



FILL IN THE BLANKS

Fill in the blanks with the correct idioms from page 1.

1. The graduation party was fun. We _____.
2. Her daughter looks just like her mother. Brown hair must _____.
3. _____ Saturday night? Do you want to go to the mall?
4. When I asked my dad if we could talk, he said, “_____.”
5. I’m going to school, working at the mall, and playing on the baseball team. I _____.
6. I think people who have a good _____ are happier than people who don’t appreciate funny things.
7. My dad is always _____. People like to be around him.
8. My parents are teachers and so am I. I guess _____.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. Does Jon have a lot to do over spring break?
2. What does Amy want Jon to do?
3. What is similar between Amy and her parents?
4. Where does Amy want to take her parents?





DIALOGUE READING

Read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. *Write down any new words or phrases in your notebook.*



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