



## WARM UP

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

1. Who do you talk to when something bad happens?
2. Do you talk about problems on the phone or in person?
3. What kind of news is bad?
4. What kind of news is good?
5. Who do you share good news with?



## MATCHING

Match these idioms to their correct definitions.

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| 1. to go down                | _____ a. the end, no other options left              |
| 2. to take a punch           | _____ b. to remain cheerful in a difficult situation |
| 3. the end of the road       | _____ c. to change one's mind, to see another way    |
| 4. to move on                | _____ d. to move forward in one's life               |
| 5. to head south             | _____ e. a lot of choices of people to date          |
| 6. to get over               | _____ f. to have something bad happen                |
| 7. to come around            | _____ g. to go badly                                 |
| 8. to keep one's chin up     | _____ h. to forget about                             |
| 9. plenty of fish in the sea | _____ i. to happen                                   |



## 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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\_\_\_\_\_ Andrew: Amy is a nice girl. Maybe she'll **come around**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jon: Not good! I **took a punch**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jon: Yeah. It's **the end of the road** for us.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jon: You're right. Thanks, Andrew.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jon: Actually, things started **heading south** a while back.

\_\_\_\_\_ Andrew: How did things **go down** with Amy?

\_\_\_\_\_ Andrew: Did she break up with you?

\_\_\_\_\_ Jon: I really hope so.

\_\_\_\_\_ Andrew: Just try to **keep your chin up**. There are **plenty of fish in the sea**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jon: I don't think I can **get over** her.

\_\_\_\_\_ Andrew: For now, you just need to **move on**.



## FILL IN THE BLANKS

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

1. How did things \_\_\_\_\_ at the meeting? Was anything resolved?
2. I thought it was \_\_\_\_\_ for me when I found out we had to write the test this morning. I didn't study at all!
3. Amy and David are fighting all the time. Things are \_\_\_\_\_ quickly for them.
4. Tom told me that I needed to \_\_\_\_\_ my anger.
5. I have to \_\_\_\_\_ after a tough day.
6. It wasn't that hard for Jim to \_\_\_\_\_ after his girlfriend broke up with him.



## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What happened to Jon and Amy?
2. Was Andrew surprised about the breakup?
3. What advice did Andrew give to Jon?





## 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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