Transcript for **Difficult situations**.

**A**

**Boy:** Mum?

**Mother:** Yes?

**Boy:** You know that Economics exam I had last week?

**Mother:** The one you didn’t revise for?

**Boy:** I did revise for it. I was working on it all weekend. Don’t you remember?

**Mother:** Oh, yes, I remember. Apart from going out until four in the morning, you mean?

**Boy:** Well, I have to relax a little, even if I’m revising. Anyway, I didn’t pass it.

**Mother:** You failed it! But wasn’t that an important one?

**Boy:** Yeah, I’m really sorry.

**Mother:** I’m really sorry too. What does that mean?

**Boy:** Well, I’ll probably have to retake the whole course.

**Mother:** Oh, Ryan! It’s a really expensive course. I’m not sure we can afford for you to take it again. Things are difficult enough as it is.

**Boy:** I know, Mum. I’m sorry. I’ll talk to the teacher again and see if I can retake it.

**B**

**Girl 1:** Hi, Megan. How are you?

**Girl 2:** Not feeling too good, actually.

**Girl 1:** Oh? Why’s that?

**Girl 2:** Well, something terrible happened this morning … (voice trembling)

**Girl 1:** What? Sorry, take your time, and tell me when you’re ready.

**Girl 2:** Well, I was playing with Bonzo in the garden with a ball, and the ball went over the hedge into the road, and …

**Girl 1:** Yes?

**Girl 2:** And Bonzo jumped over the hedge after it and he got hit by a car.

**Girl 1:** Oh, no! And is he … ?

**Girl 2:** Yes. We took him to the vet’s immediately, but there was nothing she could do.

**Girl 1:** Oh, poor Bonzo. And poor you. I know how much he meant to you.

**Girl 2:** We’d had him since he was a tiny puppy. He was like one of the family.

**Girl 1:** I’m really sorry. At least he had a happy life.

**Girl 2:** His life was too short!

**Girl 1:** Well, yes, OK. I’m sorry, that was a really insensitive thing to say. I’ll come round and see you later, OK?

**C**

**Boy:** Hi, Dad.

**Father:** Hi, how’s it going?

**Boy:** Did you have a good day at work?

**Father:** Same as usual, really. What about you? Good day at school?

**Boy:** Yeah, pretty good. Except for one little thing …

**Father:** Why do I have a sinking feeling in my stomach?

**Boy:** Do you remember you lent me your phone?

**Father:** Yes?

**Boy:** Well, I was standing just outside school, texting Jack, and somebody ran past and grabbed it.

**Father:** You let someone steal my phone?
Boy: I didn’t let them.
Father: No, I suppose not. But did you know that that might happen? Is that a dangerous spot?
Boy: Well, I had heard of that happening, but I’d forgotten. Anyway, I didn’t think it would happen to me.
Father: No, OK. Did you see who it was?
Boy: No. It was someone in a blue tracksuit, and there are loads of people who wear those. But there’s a CCTV camera on the entrance. It might have got a shot of the thief’s face.
Father: You reported it then?
Boy: Well, not yet, but I will tomorrow.
Father: All right. Don’t forget to report it tomorrow. I’ll have a look at the insurance and see if it’s covered.