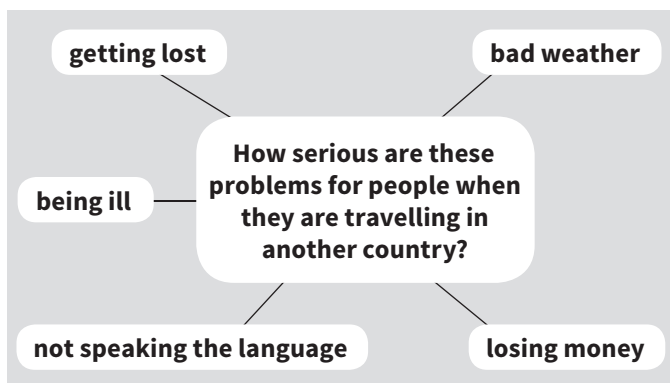


DISCUSSING DIFFERENT TOPICS

- In pairs, discuss the kinds of problems people might have while they are travelling in another country.
- Look at the question and the ideas related to it. Which two problems do you think are the most serious? Why?



- Tom and Abi are discussing how serious different problems are for people on holiday. Read their conversation. Which three ideas from Exercise 2 do they talk about?

Tom: How about starting with this idea: 'Not speaking the language'? I don't know about you, but I don't think that's a big problem nowadays. Young people in most countries speak English, so if you can speak English, I think you're probably OK, don't you?

Abi: Yes, definitely. I guess if you go to very remote places it might be a problem, but not in towns and cities.

Tom: Exactly! Shall we talk about this one next? I guess being ill is a serious problem. That would be very difficult if you don't know how to find a doctor. What do you think?

Abi: I totally agree. It wouldn't be much fun being ill in another country, and it could be expensive, too, if you need to pay for treatment.

Tom: Absolutely. But I reckon most people have insurance to pay for problems, and if you're staying in a hotel, you can always ask the people there to help you. I'm sure losing your money could also be a serious problem. If you don't have enough money, you can't do anything.

Abi: OK, so you mean if you lose your wallet or purse?

Tom: Yes. That would be really difficult.

Abi: I see your point, but I don't think that's such a big problem. You can always go to a bank and arrange to get some more money from home.

- Read the conversation again and answer the questions.

- Does Abi agree with Tom that language isn't a big problem nowadays?
- Who first chooses to talk about being ill on holiday?
- Which of Tom's ideas does Abi not agree with?

KEY LANGUAGE FOR DISCUSSING DIFFERENT TOPICS

Selecting ideas

How about starting with this idea? Shall we move on to ...? What about this one? Shall we talk about this one next?

Expressing your opinion

I think ... I reckon ... I guess ... I'm sure ...

Inviting a response

I don't know about you, but ... I think ... don't you? How about you? What do you think? Do you agree? Do you think that ...?

Expressing strong agreement

Yes, definitely. Exactly. Indeed. Fair enough. I totally agree. Absolutely. Agreed.

Expressing doubts

I see your point, but ... Yes, but ... I'm not sure I agree.

Clarifying

OK, so you mean ... So, what you're saying is ...

- Read the conversation between Tom and Abi again. Which phrases from the *Key Language* box do they use?

Tom:

Abi:

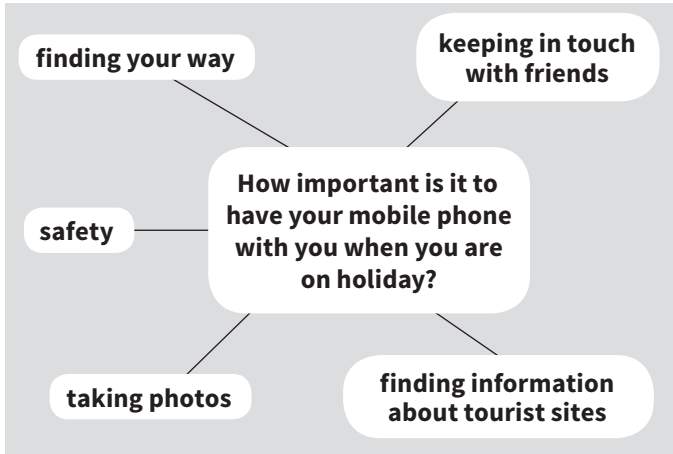
6 Choose the correct words to complete part of another conversation about travel problems.

- A:** So, we've talked about illness.¹ *Shall we / Do we* move on to this one? Bad weather.
- B:** Sure. I think bad weather can really spoil your holiday. It's true that you can always do things indoors, but no one wants two weeks of rain!² *Are you / Do you* agree?
- A:** Indeed!³ *What for / What about* this one? Getting lost. I think that might be a problem for some people. Imagine being in a new city and not knowing which bus or train to get on. I think that would be awful.⁴ *How are / How about* you?
- B:** I'm⁵ *not sure / not totally* agree. I think most people now would just use their phone to find their way.
- A:** Well, I⁶ *don't know about / don't think* for you, but I reckon it's really important to have a paper map of a place, as well as your phone. You can't always get a signal for your phone.
- B:** Yes,⁷ *definite / definitely*. And you can usually get a free map from the hotel.



7 Work in pairs. Discuss the question in Exercise 2 for two minutes. Discuss at least three of the ideas. Then try to agree which is the most serious problem for people who are travelling.

8 Look at five reasons why it is important to have your mobile phone with you on holiday. Think about each reason and what you can say about it.



9 Work in pairs. Discuss the question in Exercise 8. Discuss at least three of the reasons given. Then try to agree which is the most important reason to have your phone with you on holiday.

10 Tell the class what you agreed and why.

Active listening
Listen while your classmates tell the class what they agreed. Note down ideas that are the same as yours.