

5.4 Speaking and writing

Speaking language to give solutions

1a Complete the conversation with words from the box.

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- A Er! The boy next door is playing his drums again. It's so loud and it's beginning to drive me nuts!
- B I know, me too! We really need to do something about it.
- A Well, one ¹ option would be to have a word with his parents.
- B Yes, I think we should, but we need to take into ² _____ that it is his hobby and he does have a right to play.
- A Yes, but we have a right to some peace and quiet. What ³ _____ we ask him to move his drum kit to a different room? One which is not on the other side of our bedroom wall?
- B We could do, but it might not be possible. I think a better way ⁴ _____ would be to suggest he only plays at certain times, say between 6 and 7 p.m.?
- A Yes, but is that fair on him? It's quite limiting. Would it be ⁵ _____ suggesting instead that they get some of those rubber discs to put on the drums that reduce the sound?
- B I'm not ⁶ _____ that he'll want to do that, but I ⁷ _____ there's no ⁸ _____ in suggesting it.
- A I think it would be an ⁹ _____ solution.
- B OK. You go and speak to them, then. Good luck!

b 5.3))) Listen to the conversation in exercise 1a and check your answers.

Writing an article giving advice

2 Choose the correct options to complete the online advice article.

How to remove wax from clothing

STEP 1 Let the wax cool, as this will allow it to harden. Try ¹ to not / not to pick at the wax while it is still warm or ² else / otherwise the stain may spread further. If the wax is still soft when it is at room temperature, it is advisable ³ to place / placing the clothing in the freezer.

STEP 2 When the wax is fully hardened, use a knife to scrape off excess wax. ⁴ Make / Be sure the knife is not too sharp, in case ⁵ it cuts / that it cuts the fabric.

STEP 3 Use an iron to remove the remaining wax stain: place the stained fabric between two paper towels and gently move the iron over the waxy area until the wax melts and transfers from the fabric to the paper towel. Remember ⁶ to keep / keeping the iron moving in circular motions to ⁷ avoid / prevent burning the fabric. ⁸ Whatever / Whichever you do, make sure the iron is not on the steam setting, ⁹ else / otherwise the oil will not transfer to the paper towel.

STEP 4 Repeat until no wax remains.



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