Read Simone’s and Anna’s stories and then answer the questions in exercises 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, p.68

Simone

( Note: BE (British English) speakers write "erm or er" and AE (American English) speakers write "um" when referring to hesitation in speech (označava pauzu u govoru).

Well, it was when I was living in Cairo and ... erm... it was in the middle of the summer, so, was it, it was extremely hot, - between 40 and 45 degrees centigrade, and ... erm ... stupidly we decided to go dancing and ... erm .. we went to this night dub and we must have danced for hours and hours,... erm ... and it was very hot inside the night dub and we were sweating profusely, ... erm . and ... er ... by the time we came out it was about five o’clock in the morning, and we decided, 'Ooh wouldn't it be a great idea to go to the pyramids to see the sunrise!' So we jumped in a taxi, and the taxi was also quite stuffy and hot,... erm. and we must have been starting to dehydrate at this point. Anyway, we got to the pyramids - and… erm ... the sun was just starting to come up. And in. in Egypt, as soon as the sun comes up, the temperature rises dramatically, ... erm ... but we were so excited at seeing the pyramids that we decided just to, to go and walk and see. At this point, ... erm ... a man approached us and asked us if we wanted to borrow his motorbike, or hire his motorbike •... erm ... and so we said yes. So my friend and I, we jumped onto the motorbike and raced out into the desert - only to find after about ten, 15 minutes, that the motorbike was. crm ... rather old and suddenly it broke down. So we were miles from anywhere and ... erm .. had to push this motorbike to, to get back. I was the one at the back pushing the motorbike and of course . .. erm ... I was using lots of energy, I was, ... erm ... losing a lot of fluid and, ... erm ... it was getting hotter and hotter. Anyway, we ended up having to walk back, ... erm ... to, to the village to give the motorbike back to the man. And by this time we were rather fed up and tired and very hot, so we decided to go home. By the time we got home, ... erm ... I did start to feel a bit strange, I had a bit of a headache and ... erm ... I decided to go to, straight to bed. Anyway, I woke up about half an hour later, feeling rather confused, and sick, a bit nauseous, and ... erm ... I realized that ... erm ... my brain wasn't working properly and that in fact I probably had ... erm ... heat exhaustion. Anyway, it was a, it wasn't very pleasant, and - erm, ah, it was a lesson in what not to do in ... er . .. in such temperatures. I've never done that again. always carry my rehydration salts with me.

Anna

The time that I was very, very cold ... erm .. . was a time when I was working in Russia, in a small town in central Russia and ... erm ... I was going to see some friends who lived on the outskirts of the town, and they were worried about me getting lost and they said that they’d *come* to the tram stop to meet me. But r wanted to be independent, so I, I told them 'don't be silly, of course I'll find it: And on the day of. of the visit, ... erm .. . it was very, very cold, it might have been minus 30, but it might have been colder than that and ... erm ... it was, it was so cold that at some of the tram stops and bus stops there were bonfires lit – special street fires ... erm ... to keep people warm and I think it was a day when the schools were dosed, when the children didn't go to school because it was so cold. So I put on all the clothes that I had - all the scarves and jumpers, and, and I took the t ram to the outskirts of the town where my friends lived and it was right, right way out to the end of the line and I, I got off the tram, which was heated, ... erm ... into this cold white world. And ... erm ... it was, it was so cold that if you ... when you breathed in, little balls of ice formed in your nostrils, you, you had to keep your ... erm ... a scarf over your mouth and nose. About a minute, two minutes after getting off the tram my, my ... er ... feet and hands were already hurting they were so cold. So I was walking around, trying to find the, the flat, but it was completely anonymous this, this landscape… erm ... and there were these huge snow-covered white blocks, these buildings, 15 or 16 floors, but they all looked exactly the same and I couldn't find the name of the, the street either, and it was very, very quiet and the, the tram had gone. Er ... and I began, actually, to get very frightened because I was feeling so, so cold. Erm ... my feet and hands had, had gone beyond hurting almost, 1 couldn't feel them anymore. Erm ... it was quite difficult to breathe because of the icy scarf over my mouth and nose, ... erm .. . and I, I just couldn't find where, where they lived, and I asked an old lady the way but my Russian wasn't good enough, she didn't understand me. And I was beginning to really, seriously panic, when suddenly in the distance 1, I saw my friends. They'd come to find me and ... erm ... they took me home.

Spoken English, Adding a comment, p.68

In conversation we can add a comment with “which” as an additional comment. In this way we express our reaction to what we have said. There is a pause at the comma, just before the additional comment.

Vocabulary help:

* afterthought-an additional comment
* no joke/no laughing matter-something unpleasant that you need to take seriously;
* lousy-very bad

Everyday English, p.69

Exclamations - a feature of spoken and informal English. In your Student’s book you can find a short review of how to form exclamations with How…! and What (a/an)…! There are also phrases and interjections (uzvici) of surprise such as Ouch! Wow! Yuck!

Do exercises 1 and 3.

For exercise 5, you need the following text in order to complete the extra lines:

1 A How's your steak? Is it OK?

 B Mmm! It's absolutely delicious! Just the way I like it.

2 A We were all going on holiday to Spain next week. We were really looking forward to it,

but my father's been quite ill, so we had to cancel it.

 B Oh dear! What a shame! You must be so disappointed!

3 A Has Ann had the baby yet? It must be due any time now.

 B Oh, yes. Haven't you heard? She didn't have one baby. She had three! Tom's the father of

triplets!

A Wow! How amazing! Triplets! 'That'll keep them busy!

4 A Mind your head as you come through this door. It's very low.

 B Ouch! That really hurt!

 A I told you that would happen.

5 A Do be careful. That bowl's really heavy.

 B Whoops! 1 dropped it! Sorry about that!

 A Don't worry. I'll get you a new one.

6 A Did you know that they eat horse-meat in some countries? And snails? And pigs' feet?

 B Yuck! That's disgusting! You wouldn't catch me eating that!

7 A Look! Isn't that Peter over there, sitting on his own?

 B Hey, Peter! Come over here and sit with us. Let's have a chat.

8 A Tomorrow's test has been cancelled.

 B Phew! What a relief! Thank goodness for that! I hadn't done any revising for it at all.