1 WHAT'S UP WITH MIA?

THINK ABOUT

- 1 Work in groups and answer the questions.
 - 1 Mia looked worried when she went to talk to her mum. Why?
 - 2 Think of a time when you had a difficult conversation with a parent. Did it go badly or well? Why?
- 2 **C EP1** Who says these sentences? Write *Mia* or *Mum*. Then watch and check your answers.



- 1 I just can't do this any more! _____
- 2 I need a word. _____
- 3 Can it wait? _____
- 4 What's the matter? ____
- 5 I didn't know what else to do. _____
- 6 So you want to just give it up? _____

THINK BACK

- 3 Look at the possible reasons why Mia's mum might be against Mia's decision. Which are:
 - a definitely true
 - **b** possibly true
 - c not mentioned and/or probably false

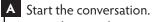
Mum ...

- 1 likes the violin.
- 2 wants Mia to have lots of interests.
- 3 thinks Mia is lazy.
- 4 thinks Mia makes bad decisions.
- 5 is worried about what Mr Wales will think.
- 6 prefers the violin to the guitar.
- 7 thinks Mia is too busy to learn the guitar.
- 8 wants Mia to study more.

- 4 In pairs, discuss the questions.
 - 1 What do you know about Mia's dad from the video?
 - 2 What kind of person do you think he could be?
 - 3 List some opinions Mia's dad might have about Mia, her hobbies and her free time.

THINK THROUGH

Work in pairs. Student A is Mia and Student B is her dad. Write and act out a role play between them. Use the guide, your ideas from Exercise 4 and the phrases in Exercise 2 to help you.



I need a word. Explain what happened at orchestra practice. I was playing the violin when ... Explain how you feel about learning the violin. The problem is that ..., I'm always ..., If I'm honest, I don't ..., I haven't got time for ... Describe Mum's reaction: Mum was disappointed/angry because ..., She said ..., I think she feels ...

В

B Respond to Mia starting the conversation.
What's the matter? Tell me what happened.
React to Mia's story.
It's important to have ..., I understand, but ..., I see what you mean ...
Sympathise with Mia.
I know it's important, but ..., Mum just wants the best for you. How do you feel about it? Are you worried ...?
Suggest solutions.
Why don't I talk to ...? How about ...?
I think she'll understand. Let's talk to
I'm going to