

3 THE NERD

THINK ABOUT

1 Work in groups and answer the questions.

- 1 Jeff and Leo have a fixed idea about Richie. They call him a *nerd*. If you were Jeff and Leo, what adjectives would you use to describe a *nerd*?
- 2 Before Flora goes to the computer shop, what is her opinion of: (a) Richie and (b) Leo and Jeff's attitude towards Richie?

2 EP3 Match the statements and responses from the video. Then watch and check.

- 1 **Richie:** Yeah, it's really great. I love working on computers anyway, and here I'm getting paid for doing it. It couldn't be better.
- 2 **Flora:** Wow, I'd love to try that.
- 3 **Flora:** So what do you think? Do you want to go?
- 4 **Flora:** It starts at 7 and finishes at 8, but they usually hang out for a while after.
- 5 **Flora:** Hi, Richie. This is Jeff and Leo.
 - a **Mia:** Count me out. Thursday's my one free night ... and I'm scared of heights.
 - b **Richie:** Hey. Glad you could make it. Come on, come with me.
 - c **Flora:** Lucky you. I keep thinking I should get a Saturday job.
 - d **Richie:** Why don't you come? It's every Thursday from 7 to 8.
 - e **Jeff:** This sounds fantastic. Where did you find out about it?

THINK BACK

3 Circle the correct response.

- 1 A: I was wrong about you before. Sorry.
B: *Don't get me wrong. / Never mind. It's OK.*
- 2 A: He's such a nerd!
B: *That isn't nice. / Don't mention it.*
- 3 A: We're really sorry.
B: *Don't mention it. / Good point. I'll shut up.*
- 4 A: I didn't say you were boring!
B: *No, but that's what you meant. / Count me out.*
- 5 A: How about I show you how to climb?
B: *I might just do that. / That would be so cool.*

4 Why do Leo and Jeff look surprised at the end of the video? Tick the reasons.



- 1 They think Flora likes Richie more than them.
- 2 They feel embarrassed because they had been rude about Richie before.
- 3 They don't know how to fix computers as well as Richie.
- 4 They see that Richie has lots of friends.
- 5 They had just admired Richie's climbing skills, but didn't realise it was him.
- 6 They are surprised Richie knew how to fix Flora's laptop.
- 7 They realise that Richie has more than one interest.
- 8 They realise Flora has shown them they were wrong before.

THINK THROUGH

A different ending

Work in pairs. Think of an alternative ending to the video. Use the flow diagram to help you decide. Then act out a role play using your ideas. Use at least 3 phrases from Exercise 3 in your role play.

