

## 7A HOW TO... Student A

- a Read the article **How to survive at a party**. Then without looking at the text, tell **B** the five tips. When you finish, decide with **B** which is the most important tip.

### How to ... Survive at a Party (when you don't know anybody)

- 1 **Don't stand in the corner.** You need to be positive. Find somebody you think you would like to talk to and introduce yourself.
- 2 **Try to ask impersonal questions** like "I love your bag. Where did you get it?" This will help to start a conversation.
- 3 **Don't dominate the conversation.** When you are nervous, it's very easy to talk about yourself all the time. Nobody wants to listen to your life story when they have just met you for the first time.
- 4 **Smile!** Use your body language to give a positive, friendly impression.
- 5 **If you need to escape** from a really boring person, say that you are going to get a drink or that you need to go to the bathroom. Don't come back!

## 7A HOW TO... Student B

- a Read the article **How to survive a first date**.
- b **A** will tell you five tips for **How to survive at a party**. Listen, and when he or she finishes, decide together which is the most important tip.
- c Look again quickly at **How to survive a first date**. Then without looking at the text, tell **A** the five tips. When you finish, decide with **A** which is the most important tip.

### How to ... Survive a First Date (and make a success of it)

- 1 **Think carefully about what to wear** for the date. If you are a man, try to dress stylishly but casually (no suits!). If you are a woman, it's important not to dress too suggestively. Don't wear too much perfume or aftershave!
- 2 **Choose a place that isn't too expensive** (you don't know who is going to pay). Try to go somewhere that isn't very noisy.
- 3 **Don't be too romantic** on a first date. For example, arriving with a red rose on a first date isn't a good idea!
- 4 **Remember to listen more than you talk**, but don't let the conversation die. Silence is a killer on a first date! Be natural. Don't pretend to be somebody you aren't.
- 5 **If you are a man**, be a gentleman and pay the check at the end of the evening. **If you are a woman**, offer to pay your half of the check (but don't insist!).