

**A. After you listen to the phone conversations, complete sentences 1-3 with a-c.**

- 1 I'm supposed to be going on that bike ride today, \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 I'm supposed to be picking my mum up from the train station, \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Rob's meant to be picking his mum up from the train station, \_\_\_\_\_

- a but he's locked himself out of the house.
- b but my car keys and wallet are in the house.
- c but I'm too tired.

**B. Complete sentences 1-4 with your own ideas.**

*Ex. I'm supposed to be doing the shopping today but I've got a cold.*

- 1 I'm supposed to ..... but I've got a cold.
- 2 I'm meant to ..... but it's raining.
- 3 ..... but I've lost my wallet.
- 4 ..... but the bus is late.

**C. Rob's mum is now at his house. Read the conversation between Rob and his mum and circle the best forms.**

MARIA: How can I help, darling?

ROB: Just sit down and relax, and I'll make / I'm making a cup of tea.

MARIA: Oh, good. Do you have any plans today?

ROB: Well, I have to buy some food, so I'll go / I'm going to go shopping at some point today.

MARIA: Right. I'll come / I'm coming with you if that's OK. I need a few things at the shops.

ROB: OK. Do you want to do anything later?

MARIA: Well, actually, I'm quite tired after the journey. I think I'll go / I'm going to bed early tonight.

ROB: Good idea. By the way, I've got a surprise for your birthday, Mum.

MARIA: Oh, really? How exciting! What will we / are we going to do?

ROB: Well, we'll go / we're going out to dinner, then we'll go / we're going to the theatre.

MARIA: That sounds lovely. What will we / are we going to see?

ROB: Er, I've forgotten the name. When I've made the tea, I'll look / I'm looking for the theatre programme.

**D. Match sentences 1-3 with functions a-c.**

- 1 I **meant to call** you last week ... but I've been so busy. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 This photo **means a lot** to me. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 My conference starts at 9.00, so that **means leaving** here on Sunday night. \_\_\_\_\_
- a. an intention  
 b. a consequence  
 c. something important in your life

**E. Read and listen to the conversations.**

LIU YING: ...So, Jen, you put all the tiles in the middle, face down so you can't see the pictures, and 'twitter'.

JEN: **Sorry, I'm lost.** What does 'twitter' mean? Isn't it some sort of website?

LIU YING: Well, yes, but in Mahjong it just **means** you mix all the tiles up-like shuffling cards - and 'twitter' is the sound the tiles make when you move them around. It sounds like the birds in the trees.

JEN: Ah, nice!

LIU YING: Yes. Anyway, everyone has thirteen tiles, and that's what you play the game with. I suppose the tiles are like cards, really.

JEN: Like cards?

LIU YING: Yes, so you could say **it's like** a card game with tiles. Anyway, **the idea is** to collect sets of three or four tiles of the same kind - and then you display them in front of you and you win points.

JEN: Hm. I'm sorry, **I don't get it.** What's the objective of the game? How do you win?

LIU YING: Oh sorry. **I meant to say** the aim is to get rid of all the tiles in your hand first. So the game ends when one player has got rid of all of their tiles, and the winner is the person with the highest score. OK?

JEN: OK. So, you collect sets of tiles. **I get that bit.** But how do you get a high score? ...

- Do both Jen and Liu Ying know how to play Mahjong? Yes / No
- Which highlighted expressions...?

say you don't understand (2)	say you partly understand (1)	explain something (4)