

16 NEWS AND EVENTS

WATCH

A Read the short summaries. Then watch the video and find the mistakes.

- 1 A school told a girl to stop taking photos of the teachers because she was writing a blog commenting how good or bad the teachers were and the local government was worried about it.

- 2 Brenda Spearmint is getting married for the second time to a man who is 13 years older than she is and very rich. They're planning to have a baby together.

B Compare your ideas with a partner.

C Look at the video script. What are the missing words?

D Watch again and check your answers.

PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

A Practise the conversations in pairs.

B Which words or phrases are difficult for you? Tell a partner.

C Watch again and listen to the words / phrases that are difficult to say.

Ask your teacher to stop the video.

Repeat the word(s) / phrases.

D In pairs, practise reading the dialogue again.

KARAOKE

Watch the karaoke version and look at the video script. Act out the karaoke lines in *italics*.

VIDEO SCRIPT

- Ava Did you see the thing on TV about that girl taking photos of her school dinners?
- Paul *What? That doesn't sound* ¹ _____.
- Ava No, it is. She was doing a blog about her school meals. She took a picture of the dinner and talked about how good or bad it was, how ² _____, and some newspaper did a story about it and the local government told the school to stop her taking photos.
- Paul Really?
- Ava *Yeah, apparently she's had* ³ _____ *of visits to her blog and the council was embarrassed.*
- Paul Why? Because the dinners were so bad?
- Ava Yeah. Actually, I don't think they were all bad, but some were.
- Paul ⁴ _____.
- Ava I know, it's stupid.
- Ava OK, you start.
- Paul Did you see that Brenda Spearmint is getting married again?
- Ava *I know! It's amazing, isn't it?*
- Paul Apparently, it's her seventh time.
- Ava I didn't realise it was that many. ⁵ _____ a very optimistic person!
- Paul What? Because she still thinks her love will last?
- Ava Exactly.
- Paul *I mean,* ⁶ _____ *for the money* – I think she loses some money every time she gets divorced.
- Ava That's true. Maybe she just likes weddings.
- Paul She could go to other people's weddings, ⁷ _____.
- Ava True. *So, who is she marrying?*
- Paul Her fitness instructor. Apparently, he's 30 years younger than her.
- Ava ⁸ _____!
- Paul *Come on! He's marrying her for the money.*
- Ava So what? I think it's great. People wouldn't say anything ⁹ _____ and the woman ¹⁰ _____.
- Paul Maybe not, but I think you're as optimistic as she is!
- Ava *I don't know. Apparently they want to have a kid.*
- Paul How can they have a kid? She must be 60.
- Ava 59. I think they were planning to adopt.
- Paul *I don't know about that.* I mean she'll be in her seventies when the kid's a teenager.
- Ava Yeah, but the dad will still be young and Brenda's very fit – *she certainly doesn't* ¹¹ _____.
- Paul That's true. I just don't know about having kids so late. I don't think it's good.