**Discourse Strategies**
(Unit 3, page 33)

**Asking for clarification and repetition**

A. Use these expressions to ask for clarification or repetition to make sure you understand. Practice saying each.

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<th>Asking for clarification</th>
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<td>I'm sorry. I don't get it.</td>
<td>Sorry, what was that?</td>
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<td>I'm afraid I don't quite understand.</td>
<td>Sorry, I missed that.</td>
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<td>What do you mean by __?</td>
<td>Could you say that again?</td>
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<td>Sorry, but are you saying __?</td>
<td>Could you run that by me one more time?</td>
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<td>Let me make sure I understand. Do you mean __?</td>
<td>Sorry, I missed the (first / last) part.</td>
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B. **Pair Work.** Write the names of famous people who had, or have had, a difficult life. Then take turns telling what you think about the different people and why. Your partner will ask for clarification and repetition.

- A writer:
  (name) ______________________________

- A historical figure:
  (name) ______________________________

- A political leader:
  (name) ______________________________

- A member of an ethnic minority:
  (name) ______________________________

- An actor:
  (name) ______________________________

- A singer or musician:
  (name) ______________________________

- A military leader:
  (name) ______________________________

- A person with a physical handicap:
  (name) ______________________________

- An artist or designer:
  (name) ______________________________

- A member of a royal family:
  (name) ______________________________

- A great teacher or religious figure:
  (name) ______________________________

- Your own idea:
  (name) ______________________________

C. Now practice asking for clarification and repetition as you do the Discussion Builder activities on page 33.