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A challenging situation?

1 Read the situations in the questionnaire below and answer the following questions:

- a) Would you find the situations challenging?
- b) What skills are required for each situation?
- c) How would you cope (or not cope)?

Discuss each situation with your partner.

Situations	You	Your partner
1. You are asked to present a new business plan to 200 people in a company. They will ask questions afterwards.		
2. You are given a piece of uncultivated land and asked to transform it into productive farmland.		
3. You are organising a party for 50 people. This involves catering and entertainment.		
4. You are driving around another country where they drive on the opposite side of the road.		
5. Your computer won't print and you can't send emails. Can you fix it?		
6. You have been asked to take part in a karaoke competition for charity. You will sing four rock songs.		
7. You have moved into a new house and are short of money. All your furniture is self-assembly.		
8. Your best friend needs you to take part in a maths challenge quiz at short notice.		



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TEACHER'S NOTES:

Aim: to provide further practice of talking about the nature of different challenges. This worksheet is designed to be used in conjunction with unit 1.

Time: 40 minutes

Materials: a copy of the worksheet for each student.

- 1 Ask students to read each situation for themselves and decide how they would cope with the challenge. Explain that they only need to make notes on the worksheets.
- 2 Put students into pairs and ask them to discuss each situation with their partner and decide why it is or isn't challenging for them. Monitor as they discuss to assess what reactions are.
- 3 Encourage a class discussion at the end of the activity. Ask each pair to share the challenge they spoke most about!



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