Language focus 2
Uses of auxiliaries

1. Look at the two women in the photo below. Who or what do you think they are talking about?

2. a. **T1.3** Listen to the conversation, without reading. What are they gossiping about?

   b. Choose the correct auxiliary in the conversation below. Then listen again and check.

   c. In this kind of conversation, how do people show interest in what the other person is saying?

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**Analysis**

Where is the auxiliary verb in the conversation in exercise 2 used:

a. to add emphasis?
b. to form a tag question?
c. to show interest?
d. to form a short answer to a question?
e. to avoid repeating words or phrases?

- Look at Language summary B on page 144.

**Practice**

1. **T1.4** Listen, pause the recording and tick the correct response. Then listen and check.

   a. 1. Of course I am!
      2. Of course I do!
      3. Of course I have!

   b. 1. I am listening, darling.
      2. I do listen, darling.
      3. I did listen, darling.

   c. 1. No, to be honest, it isn’t.
      2. No, to be honest, it didn’t.
      3. No, to be honest, it wasn’t.

   d. 1. I think I am, she hasn’t phoned yet.
      2. I think I do, she hasn’t phoned yet.
      3. I think I can, she hasn’t phoned yet.

   e. 1. Really, are they?
      2. Really, have they?
      3. Really, did they?

   f. 1. Oh no, had you?
      2. Oh no, have you?
      3. Oh no, were you?

   g. 1. I am believe you!
      2. I do believe you!
      3. I can believe you!

   h. 1. No, I can’t.
      2. No, I don’t.
      3. No, I’m not.

   i. 1. I did, didn’t I?
      2. I was, wasn’t I?
      3. I do, don’t I?

   j. 1. Oh dear, had you? Why?
      2. Oh dear, did you? Why?
      3. Oh dear, have you? Why?