

- Conversation 2
- a Do Tom and Ricardo do a deal? \_\_\_\_\_
- b What expression does Tom use to switch from discussing motor racing to discussing business?  
T\_\_\_\_\_ o\_\_\_\_\_ races, how's the South African bid going?
- c Complete the expressions below. They were all in the conversation you just listened to. Contractions (*I'd, wouldn't, who's*, etc.) count as **one** word.
- 1 Glad \_\_\_\_\_ make it.
  - 2 I \_\_\_\_\_ missed it for the world.
  - 3 There's \_\_\_\_\_ like you to meet.
  - 4 Can't \_\_\_\_\_ standing there with an empty glass.
  - 5 So, \_\_\_\_\_ person you wanted me to meet?
  - 6 I \_\_\_\_\_ two know each other already.
  - 7 I'll \_\_\_\_\_ two to chat. See you later.
- d What do the following remarks tell you about Ricardo and Élise's relationship?

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*Long time no see.*

*You haven't changed a bit.*

*Neither have you. Charming as ever.*

*Ricardo and I go back a long way.*

*I'll have whatever you're having.*

- Fluency 4 Work with a partner. Practise paying and receiving compliments.

**The mutual appreciation game**

**Prepare**

- Spend a few minutes thinking of compliments you could pay your partner. Use the expressions opposite to help you.

**Play**

- When you are ready, start exchanging compliments with your partner. Respond to each compliment you receive in an appreciative but modest way. See who can give the most compliments in under two minutes!
- Join the rest of your group and report some of the compliments you've been giving.

e.g.

*I was just saying how nice Alain's new haircut looks.*

*I was just telling Yvonne what a marvellous tan she's got.*

**Useful expressions**

- You're looking as ... as ever/usual today!
- What a brilliant/fantastic/fabulous ...!
- You know, that/those ... really suit(s) you!
- I (really) like your ...! Where did you get it/them?
- By the way, you did a great job in the meeting/presentation the other day.
- In fact, I must say you're one of the ...est people I've ever met. And I'm not just saying that. I (really) mean it!

- Discussion 5 They say 'Flattery will get you everywhere.' How important is it in your culture to
- a pay people personal compliments?
  - b compliment them on their work?
- Does it depend on how well you know each other? Is it different for men and women?