

10 Now That's Personal

A Before you watch

- 1** Read the questions in the chart. What topics do they relate to? Choose a topic area from the box and complete the column.

breakups wealth age weight health politics

	Topic area	Would you answer it if ...	
		a stranger asked?	a friend asked?
1 How old are you?			
2 Why did you break up with your last boyfriend / girlfriend?			
3 How much money do you make?			
4 What political party do you support?			
5 How much do you weigh?			
6 Why did you go to the doctor's yesterday?			

- 2** Would you be happy to answer the questions in the chart above? Does it depend on who is asking? Write *yes* or *no* in the last two columns.

B While you watch

- 1** Check the questions you hear Marty ask David.

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| 1 Do you have a girlfriend? | <input type="checkbox"/> | 4 What's your ex-girlfriend's name? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 Why don't you have a girlfriend? | <input type="checkbox"/> | 5 Why did she break up with you? | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 How old is your ex-girlfriend? | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6 Who's she going out with now? | <input type="checkbox"/> |

- 2** There is one mistake in each of the sentences. Find it and correct it.

1 David grew up in Harvard Square.

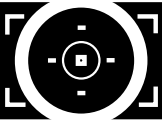
2 David's ex-girlfriend is now going out with his brother.

3 RD believes that David's ex-girlfriend is going to call him soon.

4 The law firm employee never steals pens and paper from his office.

5 Marty believes the law firm employee hasn't cheated on his girlfriend.

6 A lot of the women in the video don't want to answer questions about how much money they make.



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C After you watch

1 Change the direct speech to reported speech. Remember to change tenses and pronouns. Be careful with word order in reported questions.

"What's wrong, David?" asked Marty.
Marty asked David what was wrong.

- 1 "Do you want to see me anymore, Zoe?" asked David.
David asked Zoe _____.
- 2 "Did you meet someone else?" he asked.
He asked her _____.
- 3 "Who are you going out with?" David asked Zoe.
David asked Zoe _____.
- 4 "How can you do this to me?" he asked.
He asked her _____.
- 5 "Will you call me soon?" he asked.
He asked her _____.



2 Have people ever asked you questions that were too personal? Tell a partner.

A guy in school once asked me why my parents had divorced. I thought that was way too personal ...

D Language points

1 Read these expressions for reacting to what people say.

Complete the chart below with the correct expressions in the box.

Get out of here! Right, of course. Ah, come on. That's too bad. I don't believe it.
Isn't that terrible. Sounds good. Exactly! I'm so sorry.

Sympathy	Surprise / disbelief	Affirming / agreeing	Encouraging
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

2 In pairs, write a dialogue with appropriate phrases to react to what your partner says.

Use one of the ideas below.

My girlfriend / boyfriend just broke up with me.

I just won a vacation to Florida!

Do you want to go hiking in the mountains this weekend?

E Your viewpoint

Work in groups. Write a list of some of the questions that Marty asked, then discuss the questions below.

- 1 Would you have answered more or less of Marty's questions than the people on the show? Why?
- 2 What topic areas do you believe are inappropriate for conversation between strangers? And between friends? Why?
- 3 Do you think conversational appropriacy varies between cultures, nationalities, age groups, etc.? Why do you think this is?