

## INSTRUCTIONS

Step One: Read through the dialogue and underline each embedded question.

Step Two: Check the words that you don't know.

Step Three: Now practice the conversation with a partner.

## DIALOGUE

**A:** Have you heard about that new TV show with Dave Fractas?

**B:** Umm... I'm not sure if I have or not. When did it start?

**A:** It started just last month. I don't know what kind of ratings it gets, but I love it.

**B:** I didn't like his last show very much. All the laughs seemed so phony. What's this one about?

**A:** He's a detective who's trying to solve his wife's murder. Lots of conspiracy theories and questions within questions.

**B:** Wait, I did hear about it. I don't know if I can picture him in that kind of role.

**A:** You know that I watch just about everything, but the show's really good.

**B:** Can you tell me who else is in it?

**A:** No one really famous. Do you remember that actress who was dating Romeo Valdez?

**B:** I have no idea who that is. You know that I don't watch so much TV.

**A:** Valdez is in movies, not TV. Do you remember the blockbuster about zombies last summer? He was the main guy.

**B:** Oh, right. So he's dating the actress in this new show.

**A:** He was dating her, I think... I'm not sure if they broke up. It's one of those on-again, off-again relationships. Hey, why don't you come over to my place next Wednesday? We can have a few beers and watch the show.

**B:** Sure. Why not.

**EXTENSION ACTIVITY (OPTIONAL)**

Here is the same dialogue, but with some speaking prompts like pauses and emotions. Practice the dialogue with a partner again and add these to the conversation. Also stress the underlined words.

**A:** (*excited*) Have you heard about that new TV show with Dave Fractas?

**B:** Umm... (*two-second pause*) I'm not sure if I have or not. When did it start?

**A:** It started just last month. (*excited again*) I don't know what kind of ratings it gets, but I love it.

**B:** (*doubtful*) I didn't like his last show very much. All the laughs seemed so phony. What's this one about?

**A:** He's a detective who's trying to solve his wife's murder. Lots of conspiracy theories and questions within questions.

**B:** (*two-second pause*) Wait, I did hear about it. (*short pause, doubtful*) I don't know if I can picture him in that kind of role.

**A:** (*shrugs*) You know that I watch just about everything, but the show's really good.

**B:** Can you tell me who else is in it?

**A:** No one really famous. Do you remember that actress who was dating Romeo Valdez?

**B:** I have no idea who that is. (*annoyed*) You know that I don't watch so much TV.

**A:** Valdez is in movies. (*two-second pause*) Do you remember the blockbuster about zombies last summer? He was the main guy.

**B:** Oh, right. So he's dating the actress in this new TV show.

**A:** He was dating her, I think... (*short pause, confused*) I'm not sure if they broke up. It's one of those on-again, off-again relationships. (*excited*) Hey, why don't you come over to my place next Wednesday? We can have a few beers and watch the show.

**B:** (*shrugs*) Sure. Why not.