



## Chunks in context

To understand native speakers easily, it's important to quickly recognize chunks. Chunks are expressions that we use often. They can be short (2 words) or longer. The important thing is to recognize the sounds.

For this activity, listen to each extract on the lesson webpage. Complete the extracts below.

Check your answers with the correction at the end of the worksheet.

**Then listen again to each extract. Focus on catching the chunks you wrote on the worksheet.**

### Extract 1:

- Michael:** But it has been forever, like-
- Christina:** Like-
- Michael:** Almost what, we really seen each other.
- Christina:** Uh, since high school.
- Michael:** I'd say that. Maybe \_\_\_\_\_ since then.
- Christina:** Maybe.
- Michael:** A lot has changed.
- Christina:** A lot, yeah, yeah, yeah. Like, uh, yeah, I've seen you, I mean I see you on Facebook and everything, but, uh-
- Michael:** That's-
- Christina:** It, that's it. Yeah.
- Michael:** That's about the only way \_\_\_\_\_.
- Christina:** Yeah, yeah, it is, yeah. So-
- Michael:** Especially when you live in another country.

### Extract #2:

- Michael:** Uh, we do completions on helicopters, so \_\_\_\_\_
- Christina:** Mm-hmm (affirmative).
- Michael:** Um, bare bones and then we add all the interior paint-
- Christina:** Okay, yeah, yeah, yeah.
- Michael:** Any accessories for military police or personal use.
- Christina:** Right, yeah.
- Michael:** And, uh-

**Christina:** Personal use? Like people-  
**Michael:** Like VIPs.  
**Christina:** People who buy helicopters?  
**Michael:** Just the \_\_\_\_\_ that want them for hunting-  
**Christina:** (laughs)  
**Michael:** Or take them to their yachts. Um-  
**Christina:** I need a ... I need a helicopter, too, you know, be above the traffic-  
**Michael:** Mm-hmm (affirmative).  
**Christina:** Or \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**Michael:** We've had a couple people buy them just to take them. You know, you spend four million dollars to go hunt-  
**Christina:** Okay.  
**Michael:** Hunt out of them, so.  
**Christina:** You know, whatever

### *Extract 3:*

**Michael:** I live in, in Dallas, uh, Fort Worth area.  
**Christina:** Okay.  
**Michael:** Uh-  
**Christina:** Like, in the city or-  
**Michael:** Outside of the city, but in the ... We call it the Metroplex, so-  
**Christina:** Okay.  
**Michael:** Like, it's just suburbia I guess you would call it.  
**Christina:** Yeah, yeah, yeah, like, kind of not in the city, but you're close enough to the city to-  
**Michael:** It's about 30 minutes-  
**Christina:** Not be in the country.  
**Michael:** Outside of Dallas and 30 minutes outside of Fort Worth, so-  
**Christina:** Okay.  
**Michael:** \_\_\_\_\_ .  
**Christina:** All right, yeah. Is it, um, big difference from Mississippi?  
**Michael:** Uh...A very big difference.  
**Christina:** Yeah, yeah, yeah.  
**Michael:** Uh, just in the culture.  
**Christina:** Yeah.  
**Michael:** You know, Texas ... Texans love Texas, too.  
**Christina:** Yeah.  
**Michael:** So that's a little different.  
**Christina:** Okay.  
**Michael:** You get used to, you know-  
**Christina:** Like, because they're really, like, "Yay, Texas," or-

**Michael:** Yay, Texas.  
**Christina:** All right, right.  
**Michael:** \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Christina:** Uh, okay.  
**Michael:** And every other state doesn't matter

### *Extract #4:*

**Christina:** Uh, yeah, right, yeah, and so, okay, yeah, and so what do you, um ... So, do y-you, because I see you on Facebook, um, and sometimes, like, you're working at a bar, as well? Do you, like, do you do that-  
**Michael:** I do-  
**Christina:** At the same time or \_\_\_\_\_?  
**Michael:** So I do the ... I do work at a bar-  
**Christina:** Mm-hmm (affirmative).  
**Michael:** As a bartender.  
**Christina:** Yeah.  
**Michael:** Um, on weekends, but it's \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Christina:** Okay.  
**Michael:** Like, maybe at least two times a month, maybe four times a month...

### *Extract #5:*

**Michael:** I've tried that, but-  
**Christina:** It's just like-  
**Michael:** \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Christina:** With, like, liquor all over the floor.  
**Michael:** Luckily, it was plastic bottles to try with or \_\_\_\_\_ glass everywhere.  
**Christina:** Okay, yeah, so it's \_\_\_\_\_ bartending, cocktail stuff.  
**Michael:** B-, yeah, yeah, that's it.  
**Christina:** Okay. That sounds cool. Yeah.  
**Michael:** Lot of talking, so.  
**Christina:** Yeah, right. That's a big part of the job, I guess, yeah.

# ANSWERS

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