

# 6a The missing million

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- 1 What are the characteristics of a typical chairperson of a meeting? Think about gender, job, age and personality.
- 2 One million dollars has gone missing from Costapack Corp. The police suspect the chairperson of a recent meeting, but the five attendees refuse to say who it was. Can you deduce who was in the chair? Use the following expressions in your discussion.

*Perhaps we can come back to this later.*

*We seem to be getting sidetracked here.*

*Can we go back to what we were discussing earlier?*

*Perhaps we could speed things up a little.*

*OK, so just to summarise what we've said so far.*

*I'm not so sure, but maybe I'm missing something here. Run me through it again.*

*I don't quite agree with you there. However, you've given me another idea.*

*(Marek), could (Luis) just finish what he was saying?*

*Hold on a minute (Ana), you'll get your chance in a moment.*

*(Tanya), what's your position on this?*

*(Oscar), I think what (Eva) is trying to say is ...*

*Does anybody have anything they'd like to add?*

- 3 How easy was it to solve the case? Why? What roles did the members of your group play in the discussion – chairperson, secretary, hypothesiser, critic?

The five attendees are between 23 and 55 years old.	The person who works in production is 45 years old.
The time-waster is not an accountant.	The secretary is always trying to score points.
Ellen works in sales.	Charles is the oldest apart from Dianne.
Dianne rarely contributes to the discussion.	Anne is the youngest.
Neither Anne nor Dianne works in production.	The person who works in personnel is 10 years older than Brian.
The person who is always late is 26 years old.	The person who always pulls rank is twice as old as Ellen.