For each question, make a sentence to show that you are shocked or offended.

1:  .... Martin!
   a: Hold on
   b: Hold off
   c: Hang off

2:  I … to that!
   a: really take exception
   b: really make an exception
   c: really take an exception

3:  I think you should … what you just said!
   a: take over
   b: take on
   c: take back

4:  … to me like that!
   a: I’m sorry for speaking
   b: I’m sorry, but you can’t speak
   c: You’re sorry for speaking

5:  I’m … talk to me like that!
   a: not going to be let
   b: not going to be allowed to
   c: not going to let you
ANSWERS

1: ... Martin!
a: Hold on
   Correct – you can say this to stop someone talking.
b: Hold off
   Wrong – if you hold off, you wait before doing something.
c: Hang off
   Wrong – you can say ‘hang on’ here, but ‘hang off’ doesn’t make sense in this context.

2: I ... to that!
a: really take exception
   Correct – this is a good way to show that you are offended by someone’s words.
b: really make an exception
   Wrong – if you make an exception for someone, you say they don’t have to follow a rule.
c: really take an exception
   Wrong – you don’t need an article here.

3: I think you should ... what you just said!
a: take over
   Wrong – if you take something over you start doing something that someone else was doing before.
b: take on
   Wrong – if you take something on you become responsible for it.
c: take back
   Correct – you can say this to someone who has said something very rude to you.

4: ... to me like that!
a: I’m sorry for speaking
   Wrong – this sounds like you’re apologising - that’s not right!
b: I’m sorry, but you can’t speak
   Correct – ‘I’m sorry’ shows that you have a different opinion.
c: You’re sorry for speaking
   Wrong – ‘sorry’ isn’t being used to apologise or express regret here.
5: I’m ... talk to me like that!
a: not going to be let
   Wrong – ‘let + infinitive’ is used in the active voice.
b: not going to be allowed to
   Wrong – this sounds like you are talking to yourself!
c: not going to let you
   Correct – this is a good way to tell people you don’t like the way they’re talking to you.