VOCABULARY

EXCUSES

1 **Complete the excuses.**

1 I didn't he a r my al_ _ _ cl_ _ _.
2 I lo_ _ my ke_ _.
3 My car br_ _ _ d_ _ _.
4 The traf_ _ _ was bad.
5 I got up late and m_ _ _ _ _ the bus.

FUNCTION

APOLOGISING

2 A **Put the words in the correct order to complete the conversation.**

A

Oh, hi!
[1] *I'm really sorry I'm late.*
(late / sorry / I'm / I'm / really) I missed the train.

B

Hmm … [2] _____.
(you / believe / don't / I)

A

No, really.
[3] _____.
(terrible / was / traffic / the)

B

And?

A

And [4] _____.
(car / my / down / broke)

B

Your car, again?

A

And [5] _____.
(my / left / I / home /at / wallet)

B

Ah, your wallet.

A

And … OK, I forgot about our meeting!
[6] _____.
(feel / this / terrible / I / about)

B

Well, [7] _____.
(about / worry / don't / it)

A

[8] _____.
(so / I'm / sorry)

B

[9] _____.
(no, / fine / it's / really,)

A

I'm so, so …

B

That's OK!!
[10] _____.
(don't / but / again / happen / it / let)

B ▶ 9.3 **Listen and check.**

LEARN TO

TELL A LONG STORY

3 A **Complete the story with the words in the box.**

~~first of all~~ and but so because (x2) then finally

We had a terrible day at the airport. [1] *First of all*, we arrived forty minutes late [2] _____ we missed our train. We were worried that we might miss the plane [3] _____ they don't let you get on when you're not there in time. [4] _____, when we got to the airport, we found that the plane wasn't on time, [5] _____ we went for a coffee at the airport café [6] _____ started talking to some people. They were very interesting and we had a nice chat. [7] _____, we got on the plane. When we found our seats, Jane looked for her bag, [8] _____ it wasn't there. It was at the café!

B **Write Bruce's email using the prompts.**

Dear Alexis,

I'm really sorry about last night. I know it was your birthday. But I had an unlucky evening …

First of all, I / leave / the house late because I / lose / my keys.

Then I / miss / the bus, so I / phone / a taxi, but the taxi / break down / and I / wait / thirty minutes for another taxi.

After that, I / get / to the restaurant an hour late, but I / leave / your present in the taxi.

I / phone / the taxi company, but they / not answer, so I / go / into the restaurant, but you / not be there.

Finally, I / go / home and / try / to phone you, but you / not answer.

Now I don't know what to do. I'm really sorry.

Love,

Bruce

First of all, I left the house late because…

LIVEWORKSHEETS