

HOMework

LISTENING

FILE 15.1

Practice

Questions with Why

Listen to each of the conversations and choose the correct answer to the question. Then, listen again and fill the missing words in the conversations.

3-3-02

1. Why is Mr. Johnson unable to answer the man's call?

- (A) He left his office a few minutes ago.
(B) He is attending a meeting.

M: Hello, I'd like to speak to Mr. Johnson.
W: I'm sorry. Mr. Johnson is _____.
Would you like to leave a message?

2. Why is Allen leaving the company?

- (A) He has gotten a new job.
(B) He has gotten a promotion.

W: I heard Allen was leaving the company. Do you know why?
M: He has _____ a _____ in Washington.

3. Why is the man unable to attend the meeting this morning?

- (A) His train was delayed.
(B) He had a trouble with his car.

M: Hi, Jessica. It's me, Richard. My car _____.
I am afraid I can't _____ the 9 o'clock meeting this morning.
W: I see. Where are you now?

4. Why will the man be late for the meeting?

- (A) He has to meet someone.
(B) His flight will be delayed.

M: I may be a little late for the meeting. I have to _____ to the _____ Mr. Chan from Hong Kong.
W: Don't worry. I will tell the CEO where you are.

Vocabulary and Expressions

1. unable
answer a call
attend
leave a message

2. company
get a promotion

3. delay
have a trouble with
be afraid (that)

4. may
be late for
CEO (chief executive officer)

5. Why is the man calling?

- (A) To order a television (B) To inquire about a delivery

M: Hello, I _____ a television from your company last week but still have not _____ it.

W: I'm sorry, sir. Let me check on that for you. Can you tell me your _____, please?

6. Why is the man calling?

- (A) To find out where the woman's store is
(B) To see if the woman has a product in stock

M: Hello, this is Charles in the High Avenue store. Do you _____ the new Bio 3000 laptop computer _____? A customer here is looking for the _____, but we _____ the last one this morning.

W: Yes, we have a few _____. Do you want me to send it to your store?

7. Why is the man riding the bus?

- (A) His car is being repaired. (B) He lives close to the bus stop.

W: James, I didn't expect to see you on the bus. Where is your _____?

M: It's in the _____. I couldn't get it _____ yesterday.

8. Why does the woman want to have a meeting?

- (A) Because the sales team did an excellent job.
(B) Because there was a sharp decline in sales.

W: We have recently spent a lot of money on advertisements for our products, _____ total sales _____ last month by nearly 20 percent. What do you think the _____ is?

M: Well... I thought the sales team _____ quite well. I would have never expected such a result.

W: Arrange a meeting with the sales team right now.

Vocabulary and Expressions

5. inquire
delivery
still

6. laptop computer
customer
look for

7. close to
expect

8. sharp
decline in sales
advertisement
product
total sales
nearly
result
arrange

Common Vocabulary in Part 3

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First, listen to the words in the box. Then, listen and fill the missing words in the gapped questions and statements below.

3-3-03

Meeting

- be in a meeting
- cancel a meeting
- attend a meeting
- arrange a meeting

[Check-up 1]

1. He is _____ a _____.
2. The meeting has been _____, so I will stay in the office.
3. We should _____ a _____ with him.

Appointment

- make/have an appointment
- miss an appointment
- rearrange an appointment

[Check-up 2]

1. I'd like to _____ an _____ for an eye test.
2. I _____ an important _____ because my car broke down this morning.

Work

- have a job
- leave a company
- get a promotion

[Check-up 3]

1. He _____ a new _____ in Texas.
2. Have you heard that James is _____ next month?
3. He _____ to the marketing manager position.



Order/Delivery

- take
- order
- payment
- refund
- delivery
- place an order
- receive an order
- inquire about a delivery
- in stock
- drop off

[Check-up 4]

1. I _____ an _____ for a copy machine last week.
2. How long does it take to _____ the _____?
3. Deliveries usually _____ three days, but on some occasions, they could _____ a little longer.
4. We currently do not have it _____.
5. The _____ person will _____ it _____ at your office tomorrow afternoon.

Traffic

- delay
- be stuck
- parking lot/space
- speed limit
- ticket

[Check-up 5]

1. My train has _____.
2. I _____ in traffic on my way to the office.
3. If you do not move your car right now, I'll have to give you a _____.
4. You exceeded the _____.

Repair/Maintenance

- car repair center
- breakdown (cf. break down)
- fix
- charge
- need a car repaired
- request maintenance

[Check-up 6]

1. My car is in the _____.
2. My car _____, I _____ my car _____.
3. If you want the in-home repair service, you will be _____ for it.

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Practice with Possible Questions

Listen to each of the conversations and choose the best answer to each question.

3-3-04

<1-2>

1. Why did the woman miss the appointment?

- (A) Her train was delayed.
- (B) Her new car has not arrived yet.
- (C) She had a trouble with her car.

2. Why is the woman unable to buy a new car?

- (A) She does not have enough money.
- (B) She cannot find the right one for her.
- (C) She prefers to lease a car.

<3-4>

3. Why is the man not able to meet on the 17th?

- (A) He will work in his office.
- (B) He will be out of town.
- (C) He will have a meeting.

4. When will they meet?

- (A) Wednesday morning
- (B) Friday morning
- (C) Friday afternoon

<5-6>

5. Why is the woman staying in the office?

- (A) Her meeting has been cancelled.
- (B) She is expecting a call from her client.
- (C) She has a meeting in the office.

6. What does the woman want to know?

- (A) Why the meeting has been cancelled.
- (B) What time the man meets his dentist.
- (C) What she needs to tell the man's client.

<7-8>

7. Why did the man call?

- (A) He has an appointment with Mr. Anderson.
- (B) He is going to deliver a desk to Mr. Anderson's office.
- (C) He wants to meet the building manager.

8. Who will Jennifer Ross call?

- (A) Mr. Anderson
- (B) Mighty Jackson Furniture company
- (C) A building manager

Dictation

Listen again and fill the missing words in each of the conversations below.

3-3-05

<1-2>

W: I _____ an important _____ because my car _____ this morning.

M: Oh, no! Not again. Why don't you get a _____?

W: Well... I wish I could, but I _____ to buy one right now.

M: Have you thought about _____ a car? It doesn't _____.

<3-4>

W: Are you _____ on the 17th?

M: _____, I have a _____. What about the following week?

W: Let's see... I'm available all day on Wednesday and on Friday _____.

M: I'll be out of town on _____, but _____ is okay for me. How about 10:30? I can come to your office.

<5-6>

M: Clara, are you going to be in the office this afternoon?

W: Yes, I should be. The _____ at three o'clock today has been _____, so I will stay in the office until five o'clock. Why are you asking?

M: I'm expecting a call from one of my clients, but I _____ with my dentist this afternoon.

W: Okay, don't worry. I'll handle your call. What do you _____?

<7-8>

M: Good afternoon. Can I talk to Mr. Anderson, please?

W: Mr. Anderson is not here at the moment. I'm Jennifer Ross, his _____. Do you want me to _____ a _____ for him?

M: Well, this is Mike Jackson from Mighty Jackson Furniture. We are supposed to _____ a _____ to your office this afternoon.

W: Oh, I see. You can come by. I'll call the _____ to _____ you _____.