

Lesson 5C

HOW TO ... | apologise and make excuses
 VOCABULARY | excuses; saying the time
 PRONUNCIATION | intonation for apologising

VOCABULARY

excuses

1 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 Sorry I'm late. I my train and waited an hour for the next one.
a lost b missed c was

2 I couldn't do my work. My wifi was
a down b up c on

3 I didn't my alarm. That's why I was late for the meeting.
a get b hear c listen

4 My computer broke and I all my work.
a left b missed c lost

5 I my bag in a taxi yesterday evening.
a lost b left c missed

6 I'm really sorry, my bus late.
a got b became c was

saying the time

2 Match the times (1–8) with the phrases (a–h).

1 08.00	a ten past seven
2 12.45	b seventeen minutes past eleven
3 19:10	c two minutes past nine
4 09.02	d quarter past three
5 04.30	e eight o'clock
6 23.17	f quarter to one
7 10.30	g half past four
8 15.15	h ten thirty

How to ...

apologise and make excuses

3 A 5.05 | Listen to the conversations. Number the excuses in the order you hear them.

a The wifi is down.
b The bus was late.
c The person had the wrong time.

B 5.05 | Listen again and choose the correct options.

1 Chris is late for the third time this day / week / month.
2 His shirt is on the bus / at home / dirty.
3 Mr Wilson thinks Mark is early / on time / late.
4 The meeting was at half past two / three / four.
5 Tobias needs an email / a report / wifi.
6 The problem happened because Tanya changed school / job / house.

C 5.06 | Listen to the recording. Write what you hear. You will hear the sentences only once.

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PRONUNCIATION

4 A 5.07 | intonation for apologising | Listen to people apologising. Do the people sound sorry (S) or not sorry (NS)?

1 S / NS
2 S / NS
3 S / NS

B 5.08 | Listen and repeat the good apologies.

SPEAKING

5 A Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

late problem really sorry wrong

A: Where were you? You're late.
B: I know, I'm ¹ sorry. There was a ² with my car.
A: OK ...
B: Then the bus was ³
A: That's all right. But let's go through. People are here to see your presentation now.
B: What do you mean? Don't we start at 10.30?
A: No, the meeting was at ten. We only have thirty minutes left.
B: Oh, no. I had the ⁴ time! I'm so ⁵
A: It's OK, but let's go now!
B: Yes, of course.

B 5.09 | Listen to the conversation and check your answers.

C 5.10 | You are B in the conversation in Ex 5A. Listen and speak after the beep. Record the conversation if you can.

D Listen to your recording and compare it to the model in Ex 5B.

