

- A Great! My boss just scheduled a meeting for Saturday. It's going to take so long to get there and get back, you know, with the weekend train schedule.
- B Too bad, Laura. **Is there any way you can** get out of it?
- A Well, I guess I could stay at a hotel Friday night, but that's expensive.
- B Well, it's a possibility, but it isn't ideal. **Have you tried talking** to your boss? **If I were in your shoes**, I'd explain the situation and offer an alternative. I mean, **it can't hurt**, right?
- A I guess I could, but what alternative?
- B Well, **you might want to** suggest meeting up on Monday morning to catch up, or **maybe you could** offer to attend remotely instead? **I'd try that if I were you**.
- A Yeah, I guess I could ask him if I could attend by phone or Skype.
- B **It wouldn't hurt** to ask. I mean, **you've got nothing to lose**.

