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Functional language

Make excuses and apologise

1 Match situations 1–4 with phrases a–d.

1 You're late for a dinner date with your friend. ____
2 Your friend forgot your birthday. ____
3 You haven't sent an important email to your boss. ____
4 You borrowed your friend's book and it had a small accident. ____

a 'Never mind. These things happen. I'm always forgetting dates!'
b 'I'm really sorry ... my boss asked me to do a report at the last minute. I came as fast as I could.'
c 'It was very stupid of me, but I put it in the washing machine by mistake.'
d 'I'm really sorry. I meant to do it before lunch, but I forgot. I'll do it right now.'

2 Choose the correct alternatives.

A: Dave. Have you finished the report yet? I'm meeting our new client tomorrow morning.
B: No, I'm [1]*really*/*true* sorry, but I've been so busy I haven't had time. I [2]*had*/*must* to speak to lots of different clients this morning.
A: OK, but that's [3]*no*/*none* excuse and you promised to finish it by the end of the day yesterday. We should really send it today.
B: Well, you [4]*look*/*see*, I won't have time now. It's my son's birthday and we have a party at home. I can't stay any longer.
A: OK, [5]*never mind*/*not mind*. I'll do it this time, but please don't let it happen again.
B: Of course not. Thanks, Rick.

3 Put the conversation in the correct order.

a **Charles:** Hey Josh, how's it going? _1_
b **Josh:** I know, it was really stupid of me. Look I'm so sorry, I've been so busy recently. ____
c **Charles:** OK, look, never mind ... I've got another one I can use. ____
d **Josh:** Yeah, good thanks. What about you? ____
e **Charles:** Not too bad ... Listen, did you bring my suit in today? ____
f **Josh:** Yes, I know it's a bad excuse, OK? I meant to bring it today and I forgot. I'll go home and get it now. ____
g **Charles:** That's no excuse! We're all busy, Josh and I reminded you three times yesterday! ____
h **Josh:** Charles, look I'm really sorry, but I forgot. ____
i **Charles:** I need it, Josh! I've got an interview tomorrow morning! ____
j **Josh:** OK, if you're sure? I'll bring it tomorrow I promise. ____

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Listening

1 8.01 **Listen to the radio programme. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?**

1 Human Achievement Day only celebrates the things that you have done in your own life. ____
2 The radio programme will include stories from people who listen to it. ____

2a Listen to Karen again and answer the questions.

1 Where did Karen's grandfather travel?
2 How many times did he climb Mount Everest?
3 What happened to his friend in France?
4 How long did it take them to get back down the mountain?



b Listen to Marta again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

1 Marta's friend was in a bad accident. ____
2 She was in hospital for less than six months. ____
3 Laura had plenty of free time, so it was easy for her to visit Marta. ____
4 Laura and Marta are going to do a sports event together. ____

c Listen to Sam again and choose the correct answers to the questions.

1 What does Sam think about his living situation?
  a He's very happy where he is.
  b He's not very happy and wants to move out.
2 How much work does Sam do around the house?
  a Very little – his mum does everything.
  b He does all the cooking and cleaning.
3 What do Sam's friends think about it?
  a They think he should stay.
  b They think he should leave.

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