

61 I can make arrangements to meet

- A Mike, we need to talk about the project.
Can we **get together** next week? = meet
- B Yes, sure.
- A **Can you make it** on Monday morning, **say**? = Are you able to come?
= for instance / for example
- B No, I'm not **available** then. = **free** to see you
- How about** Tuesday afternoon? = **What about** ...?
- A I'd like to, but I'm **afraid** I'm **tied up** then. = I'm sorry, but ...
= busy
- Can we make it Friday morning **instead**? = **as an alternative**
- B I'm **supposed to** see Jo then, = I'm **meant to**
but I think I can **postpone** that. = **put that off**
I'll **confirm it with you** tonight. = tell you definitely / for sure
- A Great, well, I'll wait to hear from you.



Glossary

How about ...? is ... suitable? SYN **What about ...?**
instead (of sth) in the place of sth (e.g. *We could take the train, or we could hire a car instead.*). SYN **as an alternative**.
postpone sth decide that sth you had planned will happen at a later time. SYN **put sth off**.

- 1 Replace the underlined word or phrase with a word or phrase with the same meaning.

- I'll confirm it later. tell you definitely
- I'm supposed to meet him at six. _____
 - He's tied up tomorrow. _____
 - How about Friday? _____
 - He's not available now. _____
 - I'll postpone it. _____
 - Can you come, say, at five? _____
 - Can you make it tomorrow? _____
 - We must get together soon. _____
 - I'm sorry but I'm busy. _____

spotlight *be supposed to, be meant to* + verb


If you **are supposed to**, or **are meant to** do something, another person thinks you will do it because you have agreed to do it.

*I'm **supposed to** meet David later, but I don't really want to go.*

*She's **meant to** finish that job today. ~ She's so slow; I don't think she will.*

- 2 There's a mistake in each sentence. Write the correct sentence at the end.

- She supposed to be here at 3.00. She's supposed to be here at 3.00.
- Shall we make together for a meeting? _____
 - I'll tell you definite tomorrow. _____
 - I could put the meeting out until Friday. _____
 - I'm afraid but I'm tied up then. _____
 - A Let's meet at a restaurant, saying? _____
B No, what about the station in place? _____
 - For an alternative, we could meet on Tuesday. _____

- 3  Test yourself. Look at the dialogue and cover the meanings. Can you remember the meaning of each word or phrase in bold?