

Sorry, I did my best

I. Match the two parts of the sentences:

1 Sorry, Krister can't talk to you right now. His plane leaves in an hour, and he's	a having an off day.
2 Can you wait about five minutes? Anandi's	b out of practice
3 Ricardo seems kind of angry, but I'm not sure why. I think he's	c in a hurry.
4 Georgina isn't in the office today. She's	d on a call at the moment.
5 I don't think my presentation went very well. I'm	e having a day off.

II. Listen to three short conversations from Track 35. Put (+) near the correct meaning of *sorry*:

	Asking someone to repeat something	Refusing without emotion	Showing you are sad about something
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2			
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III. Listen to Track 36. Match each question or statement (1-6) with the correct response (a-f):

- a Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot to get it. I was having an off day yesterday.
 b It seemed like a good idea at the time, but you're right, it's too late.
 c Sorry, I haven't finished. I didn't realize it was an urgent job.
 d I did my best. It may not be very clear. I'm a bit out of practice with my Japanese.
 e Oh, sorry. I was in a hurry and I forgot to ask you if anyone needed anything.
 f No, sorry. I had a day off yesterday. I didn't come into the office.

IV. Put the words in the correct order to make Speaker B's responses:

1 A: There are eight of us. Why didn't you book two taxis?

B: sorry. / Oh, / You / were / on a call / a / so / couldn't / with you. / check / I

2 A: Did you translate the letter to Michel Brusq?

B: best. / my / did / I / a / But / bit / I'm / French. / with / out of / my / practice

3 A: Did you pick up our train tickets?

B: sorry. / No, / was / I / forgot. / hurry / in / and / a / I

4 A: Why did you order so much food? I don't think we can finish it.

B: sorry. / Oh, / time. / It / the / seemed / at / like / idea / a / good

5 A: Did you install the new software on Kumiko's computer?

B: sorry. / No, / I / urgent. / had / it was / a / day / realize / off / I / yesterday / didn't / and

6 A: Did you tell Carla about next week's meeting?

B: forgot. / Oh, / I'm sorry / I / having / I / an / was / off / yesterday. / day

V. Match the two parts of the text messages:

1 Bad luck	a about your excellent marks in school. Good work!
2 Thanks	b for the invitation.
3 Congratulations	c about your driving test, but maybe you'll pass next time.
4 We're pleased	d on finishing your course.
5 Good news	e for that. I was having an off day.
6 Apologies	f on finding a flat. It looks lovely.
7 Well done	g about your new job. I'm sure you'll love it.
8 Shame	h about losing your keys. I hope you find them.

VI. Complete the text messages. Use the correct prepositions:

- 1 Shame _____ missing out on the job.
- 2 Apologies _____ not replying sooner. I've never been very busy.
- 3 Great news _____ your new car. Can't wait to see it!
- 4 Congratulations _____ the birth of your new baby. I can't wait to meet him!
- 5 Thanks _____ having us to lunch yesterday. It was a lot of fun!
- 6 Well done _____ passing your degree!

VII. Find and correct four mistakes in the following text messages. If the message is correct, write down OK:

- 1 Thanks for inviting me to your party. I'd love to come.
- 2 Bad luck on Steve missing the concert. I hope he feels better soon.
- 3 Good news for my lost wallet - someone found it!
- 4 Congratulations about the new job. I'm happy for you!
- 5 Apologies for missing the meeting. I was really ill that day.
- 6 Well done on passing your exams. What will you do now?
- 7 Shame for the bad weather when you were on holiday.
- 8 Your new house is beautiful. We're very pleased for you.