

**Task 1**

- Read what each person said on the phone as an excuse for not going to work, and then read the notes the secretary wrote down.
- Match each excuse (1-7) with the notes (A-I). There is an extra sentence that you do not need.
- Write the letters into the white boxes as in the example (0).

(0) "I can't find my shoes. None of the shoes at home are my size."

(1) "I fell over my dog and we had to call an ambulance. I'm still in hospital."

(2) "I've been arrested as a result of mistaken identity. There has been a robbery in the neighbourhood. They won't let me go."

(3) "My car suddenly broke down. I just can't start the engine, so I'm trying to find someone to repair it."

(4) "My cat unplugged my alarm clock. He knocked it off the bedside table. I've just woken up."

(5) "I had to take my grandmother's ashes to India. I thought I would be back in time but my flight was delayed."

(6) "I forgot what day of the week it was. I've just realized it's Monday. It often happens when you have so much to do at home!"

(7) "My boyfriend's snake's escaped and I don't want to risk being bitten. I have to wait in the bedroom until my boyfriend gets home."

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A) Rajif had to travel abroad.

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B) Pamela has had an accident.

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C) Jack is looking for something.

D) Paul has been taken to the police station.

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E) Kate has to visit her grandmother.

F) Sue cannot leave the flat.

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G) Andrew has to find a mechanic.

H) Mary didn't check the calendar.

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I) Frank overslept.

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