



Read the story and choose the most appropriate heading

1. A Disappointing Day: When Laser Tag Plans Go Wrong
2. Laser Tag Birthday Party: The Perfect Surprise
3. How to Ruin Your Best Friend's Birthday: A Guide

It was my best friend's birthday and I wanted to **set it up** so that we could have some real fun. I had been planning for weeks, and had finally come up with the perfect idea: laser tag. My friend had always loved playing games, especially competitive ones, so I knew this would be right up her alley.

I called up the local laser tag arena to book a time slot, but **was declined** because they were fully booked. **What the hell is going on?** I thought to myself. But I didn't give up that easily. I called back again and again, until finally someone cancelled their reservation and we were able to get a spot.

On the day of the party, my friend arrived and I took her to the arena. She was excited, but also a little confused as to what we were doing there. I had kept everything a secret so that it would be a surprise. When we walked in, I could see her face light up with joy.

We suited up and got ready to play. The game was intense and we both got pretty competitive. At one point, my friend shot me and I fell to the ground. **"Get revenge!"** she yelled, laughing. And so I did. We ran around the arena, hiding behind obstacles and shooting at each other. It was so much fun, and we both had a blast.

After the game, we sat down and talked about how much fun we had. My friend thanked me for **setting it up** and said it was one of the best birthdays she had ever had. It felt good to know that all my planning had paid off. **To state** it simply, we had a great time.

Match the words in bold from the text above with their definitions.

Use the basic forms of the phrases

- a. to express in words, declare or affirm
- b. an expression of confusion or frustration about a situation that is unclear or chaotic
- c. to take action to retaliate against someone who has wronged you
- d. to prepare or arrange something for use or operation
- e. to experience a decrease or rejection in value, quality, or quantity

Read the examples and write original sentences using the words in bold. Focus on creating sentences that show how the words are used in real-life situations.

2. Emotional purchasers are known to be impulsive buyers, often driven by their mood instead of practicality.
3. Can you please **send the car over** to pick us up from the airport?
5. The manager was able to **handle** the difficult situation with tact and professionalism.
6. It can be **implied** from his tone that he does not agree with his colleague's opinion on the matter.



Read the phone conversation.

Tom: Hello?

Sarah: Hi Tom. It's Sarah.

Tom: Oh, hi! How are you doing today?

Sarah: I'm doing pretty well, thanks for asking. How about you?

Tom: Can't complain. What can I do for you?

Sarah: Well, I just wanted to give you a **heads up** that the Boss wants to speak with us soon about the new project.

Tom: Okay, I hadn't heard about that yet. Do we know when this meeting is going to take place?

Sarah: Not yet. The Boss said he'll let us know as soon as possible. But when it does happen, I want you to be in on it: I think we need a few fresh ideas.

Tom: Alright, sounds good to me. Just keep me posted.

Sarah: Great, but before we go, **hold on a second**. I have another call coming through:

[I put the phone on silent]

[5 seconds later...]

Sarah: I'm back. Sorry about that.

Tom: No problem. Do you need to take that other call?

Sarah: It's okay; they can wait. You're more important right now!

Tom: [Laughing] That's what I like to hear.

Sarah: So, listen, one last thing – you were trying to reach me the other day and I **kept not answering**. I'm sorry.

Tom: Yeah, **what the heck** happened there? You **kept hanging up on me** :)

Sarah: Nothing personal, really. I've been swamped at work lately and my phone keeps ringing off the hook.

Tom: Gotcha. Thanks for letting me know.

Sarah: Cool, talk to you again soon then.

Tom: Absolutely. Bye, Sarah.

Sarah: Goodbye, Tom.

Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

1. Tom and Sarah are coworkers.
2. Sarah is calling Tom to chat.
3. The Boss wants to speak with Tom and Sarah about a new project.
4. Tom knows when the meeting with the Boss will take place.
5. Sarah thinks they need fresh ideas for the new project.
6. Sarah puts Tom on hold to take another call.
7. Sarah tells Tom that the other call is more important.
8. Tom was upset that Sarah kept hanging up on him.
9. Sarah has been busy at work lately.
10. Tom and Sarah end the conversation on a positive note.