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**John had a row with his girlfriend, Julie. His friend Mark tried to help them get back together and talked to Julie for John.**

MARK: Julie, John's asked me to talk to you.

JULIE: I don't want to speak to him.

MARK: Look Julie, John's really upset.

JULIE: I'm upset too.

MARK: Will you just let me tell you his side of the story?

JULIE: I'm not interested. He promised to meet me at the restaurant, but he didn't turn up. I don't want to see him again.

MARK: But Julie, his car had broken down.

JULIE: So? I had my phone with me.

MARK: But that's the point. He tried to phone, but he couldn't get through.

JULIE: I don't believe he tried.

MARK: Yes, he did. His phone wasn't working, so he came to my flat and borrowed mine. Take a look at my recent calls.

JULIE: OK, I'll talk to him. Listen, I'm going to be late for work. I'll meet him at six o'clock in the square.

MARK: Thanks, Julie. He'll be really happy. And I promise he'll be there.



**Complete the conversation Mark had later with John.**

JOHN: What did Julie say?

MARK: She said she (1) *didn't want to speak to you*.

JOHN: Well, what did she say when you told her I was really upset?

MARK: She said she (2) ..... too, so I asked her to let me explain your side of the story. She said she (3) ..... You (4) ..... to meet her at the restaurant, but you (5) ..... She said that she (6) ..... again.

JOHN: Did you explain about the car?

MARK: Yes, and she said she (7) ..... her phone with her. So I explained you couldn't get through, but she said she (8) ..... you (9) ..... Then I told her that you (10) ..... to my flat and that you (11) ..... my phone. I asked her if she (12) ..... at my recent calls. She did and she said she (13) ..... to you. Then she said she (14) ..... late for work, so we had to stop talking. You have to meet her in the square at six o'clock.

JOHN: Thanks, Mark. I really appreciate what you've done for me.

MARK: That's OK. Just don't be late this evening.