

Lesson 5C

HOW TO ... | apologise and make excuses
VOCABULARY | excuses; saying the time
PRONUNCIATION | intonation for apologising

VOCABULARY

excuses

- 1 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.
- Sorry I'm late. I _____ my train and waited an hour for the next one.
a lost b missed c was
 - I couldn't do my work. My wifi was _____.
a down b up c on
 - I didn't _____ my alarm. That's why I was late for the meeting.
a get b hear c listen
 - My computer broke and I _____ all my work.
a left b missed c lost
 - I _____ my bag in a taxi yesterday evening.
a lost b left c missed
 - I'm really sorry, my bus _____ late.
a got b became c was

saying the time

- 2 Match the times (1–8) with the phrases (a–h).
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|---------|---------------------------------|
| 1 08.00 | a ten past seven |
| 2 12.45 | b seventeen minutes past eleven |
| 3 19:10 | c two minutes past nine |
| 4 09.02 | d quarter past three |
| 5 04.30 | e eight o'clock |
| 6 23.17 | f quarter to one |
| 7 10.30 | g half past four |
| 8 15.15 | h ten thirty |

How to ...

apologise and make excuses

- 3A 5.05 | Listen to the conversations. Number the excuses in the order you hear them.

- The wifi is down.
- The bus was late.
- The person had the wrong time.

- B 5.05 | Listen again and choose the correct options.

- Chris is late for the third time this day / week / month.
- His shirt is on the bus / at home / dirty.
- Mr Wilson thinks Mark is early / on time / late.
- The meeting was at half past two / three / four.
- Tobias needs an email / a report / wifi.
- The problem happened because Tanya changed school / job / house.

- C 5.06 | Listen to the recording. Write what you hear. You will hear the sentences only once.

- _____
- _____
- _____

PRONUNCIATION

- 4A 5.07 | intonation for apologising | Listen to people apologising. Do the people sound sorry (S) or not sorry (NS)?

- S / NS
- S / NS
- S / NS

- B 5.08 | Listen and repeat the good apologies.

SPEAKING

- 5A Complete the conversation with the words in the box.

late problem really sorry wrong

- A: Where were you? You're late.
B: I know, I'm ¹ _____ sorry. There was a ² _____ with my car.
A: OK ...
B: Then the bus was ³ _____.
A: That's all right. But let's go through. People are here to see your presentation now.
B: What do you mean? Don't we start at 10.30?
A: No, the meeting was at ten. We only have thirty minutes left.
B: Oh, no. I had the ⁴ _____ time! I'm so ⁵ _____.
A: It's OK, but let's go now!
B: Yes, of course.

- B 5.09 | Listen to the conversation and check your answers.

- C 5.10 | You are B in the conversation in Ex 5A. Listen and speak after the beep. Record the conversation if you can.

- D Listen to your recording and compare it to the model in Ex 5B.

