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Listening: A2

Missing a class

Listen to a student explain why she can't come to class to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Complete the phrases with words from the box.

links	appointment	know
assignment	test	term

1. a doctor's .....
2. a homework .....
3. to let someone .....
4. to post ..... online
5. a practice .....
6. a mid-..... exam

Tasks

Task 1

Circle the best answer.

1. Diana can't come to class because ...
   a. she has a different class.
   b. she has a mid-term exam.
   c. she has a doctor's appointment.

2. For homework, she has to read ...
   a. chapters 17, 18, 19 and 20.
   b. chapters 17, 19 and 20.
   c. chapters 17 and 20.

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3. The articles and video are available ...
    a. online.
    b. via email.
    c. in the library.

4. The deadline for the homework is ...
    a. Wednesday.
    b. Friday.
    c. Sunday.

5. The teacher can give Diana the practice test ...
    a. on Friday.
    b. by email.
    c. after the mid-term exam.

6. The office needs ...
    a. a note from the doctor.
    b. an email from Diana.
    c. the mid-term exam.

Task 2

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. but sorry to class. I I'm can't come

2. Can me give the homework you assignment?

3. to chapters 17 read 20. You need to

4. I should do? What

5. links the post I'll online.

6. the practice you give I can test.

Discussion

Do you have a lot of homework? What kind of homework do you like?

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Transcript

Student: Excuse me, Ms Henderson?

Teacher: Yes, Diana. How can I help you?

Student: I'm sorry, but I can't come to class next Wednesday. I have a doctor's appointment.

Teacher: OK. Thanks for letting me know.

Student: Is there anything to do at home?

Teacher: Let me just check my notebook. OK, first of all ... you need to read chapters 17, 19 and 20 in the book. There are also some articles and a video to watch – those are online. I'll post the links online in the usual place.

Student: Chapters 17 to 20.

Teacher: Yes, except chapter 18. Chapters 17, 19 and 20.

Student: Ah, OK. Um ... is there a deadline?

Teacher: Yes, this Friday. But there's something else. I was going to give you all a practice test.

Student: A practice test?

Teacher: Yes, to help people prepare for the mid-term exam.

Student: Ah. All right.

Teacher: Don't worry, I can send you the practice test by email on Wednesday. Can you send it to me before Friday?

Student: Sure, no problem.

Teacher: And don't forget to bring a certificate from the doctor to the office.

Student: Thanks, Ms Henderson! I'll do that.

Teacher: You're welcome, Diana. Take care.

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