VOCABULARY

excuses

1 Choose the correct word to complete the sentences.

1 Sorry I'm late. I _____ my train and waited an hour for the next one.
a lost **b** missed **c** was

2 I couldn't do my work. My wifi was _____.
a down **b** up **c** on

3 I didn't _____ my alarm. That's why I was late for the meeting.
a get **b** hear **c** listen

4 My computer broke and I _____ all my work.
a left **b** missed **c** lost

5 I _____ my bag in a taxi yesterday evening.
a lost **b** left **c** missed

6 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).

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

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

a The wifi is down.
b The bus was late.
c The person had the wrong time.

B 5.05 | Listen again and choose the correct options.

1 Chris is late for the third time this **day / week / month**.
2 His shirt is **on the bus / at home / dirty**.
3 Mr Wilson thinks Mark is **early / on time / late**.
4 The meeting was at half past **two / three / four**.
5 Tobias needs **an email / a report / wifi**.
6 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.

1 _____
2 _____
3 _____

PRONUNCIATION

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

1 S / NS
2 S / NS
3 S / NS

B 5.08 | Listen and repeat the good apologies.

SPEAKING

5 A 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.

