

Polite interruptions **REAL WORLD 6.1**

1 Find one mistake in each sentence and correct it.

1 Is this good time?

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2 Sorry to disturbing you.

3 Can I have word?

4 Sorry bother you, but have you got a minute?

5 I was wondering if could I see you for a moment.

2 Complete the conversations using the sentences in 1 and the words in brackets.



1

LUCY Hi, love. ¹ *Is this a good time?*

BEN Hi. It isn't, I'm afraid. (against / really / the / up / I'm / moment / at / it) ²

LUCY That's OK, I'll catch you later.

BEN See you!

2

DAN Hi, Paul. ³

PAUL Sorry, mate, you can't. (tied / just / I'm / bit / up / now / a) ⁴

DAN Don't worry. It can wait.

PAUL Cheers.

3

JUAN Hello. ⁵

SARA I haven't just now, I'm afraid. (time / Sorry, / a / this / good / isn't) ⁶

JUAN Don't worry. Some other time?

SARA Yes, of course. Shall we try later on today? Around 5?

4

SUE Hello. ⁷

CLARE That's fine. But (pushed / at / I'm / the / for / time / moment / rather) ⁸

SUE It's not important. I'll come back later.

CLARE Great. See you then.

5

SIMON Excuse me, ⁹

KAY I wish I had the time, Simon. But (busy / really / I'm / rather) ¹⁰

SIMON When would be more convenient?

KAY Let me just have a look in my diary.

Review: future verb forms

3 Read the conversation and choose the correct verb forms.

NINA Hi, James, sorry to disturb you at work.

JAMES It's no problem. Are you OK?

NINA I'm fine. I was just thinking about this evening. Do you know what time the film ¹ *starts/will start*?

JAMES I'm fairly sure it's 7.30.

NINA I thought so. ² *Are you going to/Do you meet* us for a drink first or not?

JAMES Probably not. I think ³ *I'll be working/I work* late again, so ⁴ *I'll probably meet/I'm probably meeting* you there as usual.

NINA Right. Amanda ⁵ *is coming/will come*, too, by the way. I invited her this morning.

JAMES Good. ⁶ *I'm going to/I'll* give you both a lift home, if you like.

NINA That's brilliant, because the last train ⁷ *will go/goes* at ten and that means we ⁸ *won't have to/aren't having to* rush to catch it.

JAMES OK. See you later.

NINA Bye.