

## VOCABULARY

## EXCUSES

**1** Complete the excuses.

- 1 I didn't hear my al\_\_ cl\_\_.
- 2 I lo\_\_ my ke\_\_.
- 3 My car br\_\_ d\_\_.
- 4 The traf\_\_ was bad.
- 5 I got up late and m\_\_ the bus.

## FUNCTION

## APOLOGISING

**2 A** Put the words in the correct order to complete the conversation.

**A**

Oh, hi!  
<sup>1</sup>I'm really sorry I'm late.  
 (late / sorry / I'm / I'm /  
 really) I missed the train.

B

Hmm ... <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
 (you / believe / don't / I)

No, really.

3 \_\_\_\_\_  
(terrible / was / traffic / the)

And?

And <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(car / my / down / broke)

Your car, again?

And <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_.  
(my / left / I / home /at / wallet)

Ah, your wallet.

And ... OK, I forgot about our meeting!

6 \_\_\_\_\_  
(feel / this / terrible /  
I / about)

Well, <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(about / worry / don't / it)

8 (so / I'm / sorry)

9 (no, / fine / it's / really,)

I'm so, so ...

That's OK!!

10

(don't / but / again /  
happen / it / let)

## LEARN TO

## TELL A LONG STORY

**3 A** Complete the story with the words in the box.

first-of-all   and   but   so   because (x2)   then   finally

We had a terrible day at the airport. <sup>1</sup> First of all, we arrived forty minutes late <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we missed our train. We were worried that we might miss the plane <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ they don't let you get on when you're not there in time. <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, when we got to the airport, we found that the plane wasn't on time, <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ we went for a coffee at the airport café. <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ started talking to some people. They were very interesting and we had a nice chat. <sup>7</sup> \_\_\_\_\_, we got on the plane. When we found our seats, Jane looked for her bag, <sup>8</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ it wasn't there. It was at the café!

**B** Write Bruce's email using the prompts.

Dear Alexis,

I'm really sorry about last night. I know it was your birthday. But I had an unlucky evening ...

First of all, I / leave / the house late because I / lose / my keys.

Then I / miss / the bus, so I / phone / a taxi, but the taxi / break down / and I / wait / thirty minutes for another taxi.

After that, I / get / to the restaurant an hour late, but  
I / leave / your present in the taxi.

I / phone / the taxi company, but they / not answer,  
so I / go / into the restaurant, but you /  
not be there.

Finally, I / go / home and / try / to phone you, but  
you / not answer.

Now I don't know what to do. I'm really sorry.

Love,

Bruce

First of all, I left the house late because...

**B**  9.3 Listen and check.