Unit 3
Problems

Family

a. In the voice mail message, "Family," Lori asks Marcy for a favor. What does she say? Complete the sentences below.

_____ do me a favor?

_____ pick up my dress at the cleaners for me?

b. In your opinion, who is Marcy? Mark all possible answers.

☐ 1. Lori's boss ☐ 2. Lori's mother ☐ 3. Lori's sister ☐ 4. Lori's friend

c. Marcy calls Lori back and leaves her a message. Read it and answer the questions that follow.

Hi, Lori. This is Marcy. I got your message. I'm really sorry, but I can't pick up your dress from the dry cleaners. I have a problem here at work. The other secretary is sick and I have to stay at the office until late to type some letters that have to be sent today. I just spoke to Jane, though. She has to go in that direction anyway, so I've asked her to pick up your dress for you. So don't worry! You'll have your dress in time for the party. Bye.

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Why is Marcy calling Lori? Mark all the correct answers.

- ☐ 1. To reply to a voice mail she received earlier from Lori
- ☐ 2. To tell Lori that she will have to pick up her own dress
- ☐ 3. To apologize for not picking up Lori's dress
- ☐ 4. To ask Lori to call Jane
- ☐ 5. To tell Lori that the party has been canceled
- ☐ 6. To tell Lori that someone else will pick up her dress for her

d. Decide on the CAUSE AND EFFECT relationships in the text. What causes what? Fill in the boxes below. Choose from the list of sentences.

Jane will pick up the dress.

She has asked Jane to pick up the dress instead.

Lori will have the dress in time for the party.

She can't pick up Lori's dress.

Marcy has to stay at work late.

1. The secretary who works with Marcy is sick.
2.
3.
4.
5.
6.

e. Write a text message to a friend, asking for a favor. Explain why you need the favor.

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A Foreign Affair

a. Do you remember the story, "A Foreign Affair"? Number the events according to the order in which they happened.

- ☐ a. Erica and Danny arrive at the party.
- ☐ b. Ms. Medina suggests that Danny put down his drink.
- ☐ c. Danny walks around the room.
- ☐ d. Danny looks up and sees the foreign minister's wife.
- ☐ e. Erica asks Danny to smile.
- ☐ f. Erica calls Danny over to say hi to someone.
- ☐ g. Danny finishes getting dressed.
- ☐ h. Danny puts out his hand and says, "It's lovely to see you again."

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b. Erica writes a diary entry about the party. Read the entry and choose the title that fits best. Then answer the questions in activity *c*.

- ☐ 1. Ms. Medina's Dress
- ☐ 2. Connections I Made
- ☐ 3. Danny's Conversation
- ☐ 4. My Discussion with Ms. Medina
- ☐ 5. Notes on Tonight's Party

Dear Diary,

Tonight's party went well. I made some good connections and had a lovely conversation with the foreign minister's wife. I knew that Danny wouldn't be happy if I called him over to speak with her. But I did it anyway. I just thought it was important, since the last time she and Danny met, Danny accidentally spilled his drink on her.

But tonight everything went smoothly. Danny even carried on a conversation with Ms. Medina. I wish Danny was more comfortable at these type of events. And I wish he would smile more, so people won't think he's unfriendly. Maybe he'll get used to them over time. I sure hope so.

c. Mark if each sentence is true (✓) or false (✗).

1. Erica is happy with the way the party turned out. ✓ / ✗
2. Erica made some good connections at the party. ✓ / ✗
3. Erica did not want to speak to the foreign minister's wife. ✓ / ✗
4. Danny carried on a conversation with Ms. Medina. ✓ / ✗
5. Danny doesn't speak much at these events, but he smiles a lot. ✓ / ✗
6. Erica thinks Danny might get used to her events over time. ✓ / ✗

d. Underline the parts of the diary entry that helped you find your answers.

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