Sorry I'm Late

a. Jean was supposed to meet Phil at a restaurant for dinner, but she arrived late. Read their conversation. Then write who is speaking – Phil or Jean.

_____: I'm sorry I didn't get here on time.

_____: It's OK. Don't worry about it.

_____: But I promised that I would not be late today.

_____: Really, it's no problem. I have been enjoying myself.

_____: Oh. What have you been doing?

_____: Just talking with Beth.

b. Write the phrases from activity *a*. which have a similar meaning to the phrases below.

1. I have been having a good time. _____
2. It doesn't matter. _____
3. That's all right. _____
4. I arrived late. _____

c. Look at this picture of a party. One of the guests has arrived late and is apologizing to the host. Why do you think she was late? Choose one of the following reasons and write a dialogue between the guest and the host. Use the words and phrases from activities *a*. and *b*. to help you.

1. Her car broke down.
2. She had to wait for the babysitter.
3. She had to answer an urgent phone call.

d. Practice your dialogue with a partner.

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Passive Voice: With or Without Agent

a. The article below is about a very special parade. It is called the Lord Mayor's Show and it takes place in London. Read the article and underline the phrases that use the Passive form.

The Lord Mayor's Show is a giant parade that is held every year in the city of London. Over 5,500 people attend the parade and it is the biggest event of its kind in the world. All the main roads are closed for the procession, so if you want to get close to the parade, you have to arrive very early in the morning.

The Lord Mayor's Show has been celebrated by the people of London since 1215. The mayor rides through the streets of London in a special carriage. This carriage is made of gold and was made for the mayor in 1751 by a local artist. During the year, the carriage can be seen in the Museum of London. The mayor is accompanied by lots of people dressed in special costumes. In the evening, a fireworks display is held on a boat on London's River Thames and there is dancing and music in the streets.

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b. Answer the following questions about the Lord Mayor's Show. Use the passive voice in your answers.

1. Where is the Lord Mayor's Show held?

   _____

2. Why do you need to arrive early if you want to get close to the parade?

   _____

3. When was the Lord Mayor's Show first celebrated?

   _____

4. Where can the Lord Mayor's carriage be seen during the year?

   _____

5. What is special about the firework display at the end of the show?

   _____

c. List three ways the Lord Mayor's Show is celebrated.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

d. Underline the agent in the two sentences below.

1. The Lord Mayor's Show has been celebrated by the people of London since 1215.
2. This carriage is made of gold and it was made for the mayor in 1751 by a local artist.

e. Write about a parade that you know about, took part in, or watched. Answer the following questions:

- Is the parade held every year?
- Are the main roads closed?
- For how many years has the parade been held?
- Is anything special made for the parade?

f. Tell your partner about your parade. Are the two parades similar in any way?

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