

Functional language

Make excuses and apologise

1 Match situations 1–4 with phrases a–d.

- 1 You're late for a dinner date with your friend. _____
- 2 Your friend forgot your birthday. _____
- 3 You haven't sent an important email to your boss. _____
- 4 You borrowed your friend's book and it had a small accident. _____

- a 'Never mind. These things happen. I'm always forgetting dates!'
- b 'I'm really sorry ... my boss asked me to do a report at the last minute. I came as fast as I could.'
- c 'It was very stupid of me, but I put it in the washing machine by mistake.'
- d 'I'm really sorry. I meant to do it before lunch, but I forgot. I'll do it right now.'

2 Choose the correct alternatives.

- A: Dave. Have you finished the report yet? I'm meeting our new client tomorrow morning.
- B: No, I'm ¹really/true sorry, but I've been so busy I haven't had time. I ²had/must speak to lots of different clients this morning.
- A: OK, but that's ³no/none excuse and you promised to finish it by the end of the day yesterday. We should really send it today.
- B: Well, you ⁴look/see, I won't have time now. It's my son's birthday and we have a party at home. I can't stay any longer.
- A: OK, ⁵never mind/not mind. I'll do it this time, but please don't let it happen again.
- B: Of course not. Thanks, Rick.

3 Put the conversation in the correct order.

- a Charles: Hey Josh, how's it going? 1
- b Josh: I know, it was really stupid of me. Look I'm so sorry. I've been so busy recently. _____
- c Charles: OK, look, never mind ... I've got another one I can use. _____
- d Josh: Yeah, good thanks. What about you? _____
- e Charles: Not too bad ... Listen, did you bring my suit in today? _____
- f Josh: Yes, I know it's a bad excuse, OK? I meant to bring it today and I forgot. I'll go home and get it now. _____
- g Charles: That's no excuse! We're all busy, Josh and I reminded you three times yesterday! _____
- h Josh: Charles, look I'm really sorry, but I forgot. _____
- i Charles: I need it, Josh! I've got an interview tomorrow morning! _____
- j Josh: OK, if you're sure? I'll bring it tomorrow I promise. _____

Listening

1 8.01 Listen to the radio programme. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Human Achievement Day only celebrates the things that you have done in your own life. _____
- 2 The radio programme will include stories from people who listen to it. _____

2a Listen to Karen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where did Karen's grandfather travel? _____
- 2 How many times did he climb Mount Everest? _____
- 3 What happened to his friend in France? _____
- 4 How long did it take them to get back down the mountain? _____



b Listen to Marta again. Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Marta's friend was in a bad accident. _____
- 2 She was in hospital for less than six months. _____
- 3 Laura had plenty of free time, so it was easy for her to visit Marta. _____
- 4 Laura and Marta are going to do a sports event together. _____

c Listen to Sam again and choose the correct answers to the questions.

- 1 What does Sam think about his living situation?
 - a He's very happy where he is.
 - b He's not very happy and wants to move out.
- 2 How much work does Sam do around the house?
 - a Very little – his mum does everything.
 - b He does all the cooking and cleaning.
- 3 What do Sam's friends think about it?
 - a They think he should stay.
 - b They think he should leave.