

35/ Problems and accidents

Words you need...

35.1



- ▶ **an accident** something bad that someone does without wanting to do it, hurting someone or damaging something
- ▶ **to delay someone/something** to cause someone or something to be late
- ▶ **to leave something** to forget to take something with you when you go away from a place
- ▶ **to miss something** to not catch the train, bus or plane that you want because you are too late
- ▶ **a mistake** something bad that you do that you did not want to do
- ▶ **trouble** problems; difficulties

Exercise 1

Match the pictures (a-f) with the sentences (1-6).

- 1 Brad burned the pizza. c 3 She lost her car key. _____ 5 William spilled his drink. _____
 2 Katy dropped her ice cream. _____ 4 He broke his glasses. _____ 6 He tore his shirt. _____

Exercise 2

Match the definitions with the verbs from Exercise 1.

- 1 to not be able to find something lose
 2 to make food or drink black or bad to eat by cooking it for too long _____
 3 to let a liquid come out of a cup, glass, etc. when you do not want to do this _____
 4 to let something fall from your hand _____
 5 to make a hole in something, for example a piece of clothing or paper, often when you do not want to do this _____
 6 to make something separate into pieces _____

Exercise 3

Use the words from the box to complete the sentences.

delayed trouble mistake miss ~~accident~~ left

- 1 I had an accident in the kitchen and broke a plate.
 2 I _____ my wallet at home and couldn't pay for the drinks.
 3 I was _____ by all the traffic on the road.
 4 Be quick or you'll _____ your train!
 5 I made a _____ and gave him the wrong package.
 6 Did you have any _____ finding the house?