

Tara is worried

1. Read and listen to the story.



1 Lunchtime.

Lily How do you feel, Tara?
Tara I'm really nervous. Oh, why does she want to see me?
Andy Aren't you going to eat that sandwich?
Tara No. I can't eat a thing. I feel sick.
Andy Can I have it, then? I'm starving.
Tara Help yourself. What if Mr Ross has told her?
Mike I'm sure he hasn't.
Tara I hope you're right. But look. My hands are shaking and my heart's pounding.
Lily Yes, I've got butterflies in my stomach, too. And I don't have to see the head teacher.
Mike Don't worry. It'll be all right.
Andy Yes. Just stay cool.
Tara Cool? That's easy for you to say. This is all your fault in the first place.



2

Tara Mrs Ross wanted to see me.
Secretary Oh yes, Tara. She won't be long. She's just on the phone at the moment.
Tara Oh, OK. Thank you. (thinks) Oh, my legs feel like jelly.
Mrs Ross Ah, Tara. You're here. Come in.
Tara Yes, miss.
Mrs Ross Oh, Sally. If my husband phones, tell him that I'm already dealing with it.
Secretary OK.
Tara (thinks) Oh no! He's told her. I'm in real trouble now. What shall I do?

Mrs Ross Well, Tara, do you know why I want to see you?

Tara Yes, miss. And I'm very sorry.

Mrs Ross Sorry?

Tara Yes, I knew it was a mistake. I wasn't really ill.

Mrs Ross When was this, Tara?

Tara Last Wednesday, miss.

Mrs Ross You were doing your work experience then, weren't you?

Tara Yes, miss, but I've always wanted to go to Wimbledon and then I had the chance, but then Mr Ross saw me and ...

Mrs Ross I think you'd better start at the beginning and tell me all about it, Tara.



a What do you think happens next?

b 3.9 Listen to the end of the story and check your ideas.

c 3.9 Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 How does Mrs Ross feel? Why?
- 2 Did she know about Wimbledon?
- 3 Why did she want to see Tara?
- 4 What's Mrs Ross going to do now?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Everyday English

Useful expressions

4 a Complete the expressions from the story.

- 1 How do you _____?
- 2 Don't _____
- 3 It'll _____ all right.
- 4 I _____ starving.
- 5 Just _____ cool.
- 6 That's easy _____ you to say.
- 7 She won't _____ long.
- 8 She's just _____ the phone.
- 9 Start _____ the beginning.
- 10 Tell me _____ about it.

5 Complete the dialogues. Choose expressions from exercise 4a.

- 1 • Come on. We haven't got time to eat.
◦ But _____.
• Oh, you can wait a bit longer.
◦ _____. You've already had your lunch.
- 2 • Is Lily ready yet?
◦ _____
• But we're late. What's she doing?
◦ _____
- 3 • We've got a history test now. I feel really nervous.
◦ _____
• But I can't remember anything.
◦ _____
- 4 • I've had a terrible day.
◦ Well, _____.
• I don't know where to start.
◦ Just _____.