

: Apologies and Excuses

Listening 1

1.
A: Oh, I'm so sorry. I didn't mean to hit you.
B: Don't worry about it. It's just a little scratch.
A: Here, let me give you my insurance information.
B: That's okay. It's a really old car. It has dozens of dents and scratches already.
2.
A: So, what did you do this weekend, Carrie?
B: Well, I went out to dinner at Sabrina's with my family on Saturday night.
A: Wow, Sabrina's! It's such a nice restaurant. What was the occasion?
B: Um, it was my birthday.
A: Oh, no! Did I forget again this year? I feel terrible. It won't happen again.
B: That's all right. I always forget people's birthdays.
3.
A: Hi, Gina. I don't want to bother you. I just came by to see if you're finished with that CD I loaned you.
B: Oh, sure. Come on in, and I'll get it... Let's see, I had it in my book bag... Uh-oh.

- A: Is something wrong?
B: I can't find it. I must have lost it this morning. I'm sorry.
A: Oh, well, that's all right.
B: I'll go buy you a new copy right now.
4.
A: Hi, Sarah. What's wrong? Are you upset?
B: It's 6:30. You were supposed to be here half an hour ago.
A: I'm sorry. There was so much traffic on the freeway. It won't happen again.
B: Well, I'll let it go this time. But you should really leave your house earlier when you have to drive somewhere during rush hour.
5.
A: Oh! Are you okay, Sam?
B: I'm not sure. My ankle hurts a little.
A: I really apologize. I was walking too fast, and I wasn't watching where I was going. I didn't mean to trip you.
B: I know you didn't, but I think my ankle might be sprained.
A: Oh, no. Here, let me help you up. We should go to the hospital.
6.
A: Where were you last night?
B: I was home studying. Why?
A: You were supposed to meet me at the movies last night.
B: Oh, no! I forgot! I'm sorry.
A: I tried to call you, but I kept getting your voicemail.
B: I'm so sorry. Unfortunately, I lost my phone yesterday.

Listening 2

1.
A: Hi, Linda. I'm so sorry I'm late.
B: You're really late. You were supposed to be here over an hour ago. What happened?
A: There was heavy traffic on the freeway, and I couldn't call because my cell phone died.
B: That's weird. There isn't usually any traffic at this time of day.
A: I know, but there was a really bad accident on the freeway about ten miles north of here. Traffic was completely stopped for over an hour.
B: Hmm... That's very unusual.
2.
A: Hi, Mike.
B: Hi, Kylie. What's wrong?
A: I have to apologize. I wasn't able to finish my half of our class project last night.
B: But it's due today.
A: I know. I feel terrible about it.
B: What happened?
A: My roommate burned her hand while she was cooking last night, and I had to take her to the emergency room. We were there all night.

- B: No wonder you look so tired. Is she okay?
A: Her hand is burned pretty badly, but she'll be all right.
3.
A: Hey, Ken. Why didn't you come to Alex's party last night? We were all expecting to see you there.
B: Oh, I'm sorry about that. I got lost trying to find Alex's house.
A: Really? But I gave you directions.
B: Well, I wrote the directions down wrong.
A: Well, why didn't you call or use the GPS on your phone?
B: Uh, I didn't have my cell phone with me.
A: That's strange. You always carry your cell phone with you.
4.
A: Where have you been? We've been waiting for you. The meeting was supposed to start half an hour ago.
B: I know. I apologize. My car broke down, and I had to wait for a tow truck.
A: Again? Didn't your car break down last week, too?
B: Um, yeah, it did. It's a really old car.
A: And the week before that, you were late because you were helping someone look for their lost cat.
B: I'm sorry. I promise I'll be on time for next week's meeting.

Listening 3

1.
A: Tell me all about how it went!
B: I wish I could, but I missed it. I got really sick on Friday night. I thought I had the flu, but it turned out to be food poisoning. I was sick all day Saturday, so I couldn't go to the wedding. I thought my cousin would be mad, but she just felt bad that I was sick all day.
2.
A: Hi, it's Paul. I missed class yesterday. Can you tell me what the homework was?
B: Oh, sorry, I wasn't there yesterday, either. I was on my way to catch the bus when I fell and broke my ankle. One of my neighbors who was on his way to work drove me to the hospital. I'll call Katie and ask her about the homework, and then I'll call you back.
3.
A: How did your sister do yesterday?
B: Well, her team won, but I didn't get to see it! I had just gotten to the soccer field when my boss called. One of my coworkers called in sick with the flu, so he asked me to come in and work.

4.

A: Well, how did it go on Monday?

B: You're not going to believe this, but I missed it! I left really early so I wouldn't be late, but I wrote the address down wrong, and I couldn't find the office. I was so nervous about the interview that I forgot my phone, too, so I couldn't call them and ask for directions. I was so mad at myself. I really wanted that job!

5.

A: So how was it?

B: I don't know because I missed it! I was so disappointed, and so was my niece. I had flowers and a card to give her, and I really wanted to be there for her special day. But I ran out of gas on my way to the school. Can you believe that? I made it to her graduation party later that evening, but I really wanted to make it to the ceremony.

6.

A: So was it fun?

B: Well, I think the people who went had fun, but I had to study for my history test. My friend Kelly went, and she said it was a great party. I hope Sarah has another one for her birthday next year.