

Conv. 2

Complete these sentences with the correct idiom(s)

1. My girlfriend said she would meet me at 5 this afternoon, but she
----- She never came.

2. I have to recharge my phone, because -----.

3. Mokwon started ----- classes, but only a few students are coming.

4. A lot of students only eat 라면 or 김밥, because they're -----.

5. A: Do you want to see a movie this weekend?

B: -----, but I have to do Severn's stupid homework.

6. A: What's the capital of Brazil?

B: ----- What is it?

A: It's Brazilia.

7. I like to watch Korean dramas with English -----.

8. A: Can you join me for lunch today? -----.

B: Oh sure! That sounds great! Thanks!

9. A: Oh me! I have a job interview tomorrow.

B: Hey! Don't worry! ----- for you! Fighting!!!!!!

10. I haven't exercised in a long time, so my body's starting to -----.

11. The management and workers are having a hard time reaching an agreement. Overtime pay is a ----- for both sides.

12. My boss only gave me a small raise, but -----.

13. It's important to ----- equal rights for everybody.

14. A: Should I wear my red dress or blue dress today?

B: Well, -----, but both dresses look great on you.

15. My professors (especially Severn) are giving me too much homework, so I
----- this semester.

a. I wish I could

b. my battery is low

c. I'll keep my fingers crossed

d. it's better than nothing

e. it's up to you

f. face to face

g. subtitles

h. sticking point

i. have my work cut out for me

j. I have no idea

k. falling apart

l. on a budget

m. stand up for

n. stood me up

o. it's my treat

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Write the meanings of these idioms in English
(www.onlineslangdictionary.com)

1. up to snuff

2. up (one's) ~~way~~ alley

3. waffle

4. take a ~~tip~~

5. tool

6. scam(#1)

7. scam(#2)

8. grade A((#2)

9. get schooled

10. gun it

11. crash course

12. cushy

13. cut out for

14. arvo

15. play hardball

16. clap back(#2)

What's your excuse?



SNAPSHOT

EXCUSES, EXCUSES

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Ending a phone call | I'm driving right now.
My battery is dying. |
| Forgetting to meet someone | I remembered the date wrong.
I forgot to check my calendar. |
| Not doing homework | My computer crashed.
I thought it was due tomorrow. |
| Getting to class late | I couldn't get a ride.
I missed the bus. |
| Not accepting a date | I already have plans.
I have a doctor's appointment. |



Source: Based on www.answers.yahoo.com

Have you ever heard any of these excuses? Have you ever used any of them?
Which are good excuses? Which are bad excuses?
What other excuses can you make for not accepting an invitation?



PERSPECTIVES Who said it?

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A Who do you think made these requests? Listen and match.

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| 1. He asked me to play my music more quietly. | a. my doctor |
| 2. She told me not to stay out past midnight. | b. my coach |
| 3. She said to drink at least six glasses of water a day. | c. my friend |
| 4. He said not to be late for practice again. | d. my neighbor |
| 5. She asked me to pick up the kids after school. | e. my mother |
| 6. He told me to bring a dictionary tomorrow. | f. my wife |
| 7. He asked me not to tell anyone about his new girlfriend. | g. my teacher |

B PAIR WORK Can you think of another request each person might make?

A: A doctor might also tell a patient to get more exercise.
B: ... or to avoid eating greasy foods.

3 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Reported speech: requests

Original request

- Bring a dictionary tomorrow.
- Don't stay out past midnight.
- Can you play your music more quietly?

Reported request

- He **said to bring** a dictionary tomorrow.
- He **told me to bring** a dictionary tomorrow.
- She **said not to stay** out past midnight.
- She **told me not to stay** out past midnight.
- He **asked me to play** my music more quietly.

A Amanda is having a surprise party for Albert. Look at what she told the guests. Write each request using *say, tell, or ask*. Then compare with a partner.

1. Meet at Albert's apartment at 7:30. *She told them to meet at Albert's apartment at 7:30.*
2. Can you bring your favorite music?
3. Don't bring any food.
4. Can you bring a small gift for Albert?
5. Don't spend more than \$10 on the gift.
6. Keep the party a secret.

B GROUP WORK Imagine you're planning a class party. Write four requests. Then take turns reading your requests and changing them into reported requests.

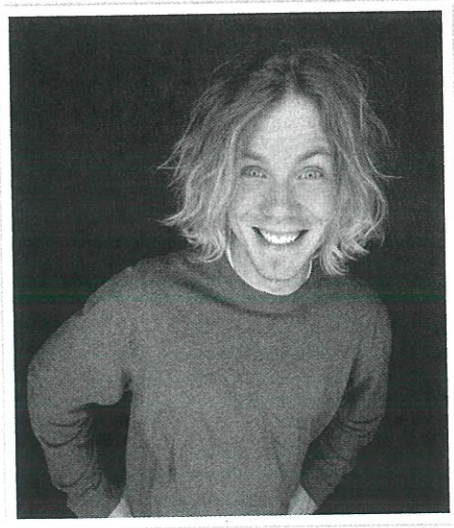
Juan: Bring something good to eat to the party!
 Sonia: Juan told us to bring something good to eat.

Noriko: Can you help me clean up after the party?
 Jin-sook: Noriko asked us to help her clean up.

4 SPEAKING What a request!

A Think of requests that people have made recently. Write two things people asked you to do and two things people asked you *not* to do.

Person	Request
my mom	get a haircut
.....
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.....
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B GROUP WORK Compare with others. Who has the most interesting or unusual requests?

7 LISTENING *He said, she said*

A Listen to Albert inviting friends to his party on Saturday. What excuses do people give for not coming? Match the person to the excuse.

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| 1. Scott | a. She said that she wasn't feeling well. |
| 2. Fumiko | b. He said he was taking his mother to a dance club. |
| 3. Manuel | c. She said she had houseguests for the weekend. |
| 4. Regina | d. He said that he would be out of town. |
| | e. She said she might go out with friends. |
| | f. He said he was going away with his family. |



B Listen. What happens on the night of Albert's birthday?

8 GRAMMAR FOCUS

Reported speech: statements

Direct statements

I'm **not feeling** well.
I **have** houseguests for the weekend.
I **made** a tennis date with Kim.
I **have planned** an exciting trip.
We **can't come** tomorrow.
We **will be** out of town.
We **may go** out with friends.

Reported statements

She **said** (that) she **wasn't feeling** well.
she **had** houseguests for the weekend.
she **had made** a tennis date with Kim.
she **had planned** an exciting trip.
They **told me** (that) they **couldn't come** tomorrow.
they **would be** out of town.
they **might go** out with friends.

A Sandra is having a party at her house on Saturday. Look at these excuses. Change them into reported speech. Then compare with a partner.

1. Donna: "I have to babysit my nephew that night."
2. William and Brigitte: "We're going out of town for the weekend."
3. Mary: "I've been invited to a wedding on Saturday."
4. James: "I promised to help Dennis move."
5. Anita: "I can't come because I have the flu."
6. Mark: "I'll be studying for a test all weekend."
7. Eva and Randall: "We have to pick someone up at the airport that evening."
8. David: "I may have to work late on Saturday night."

Donna said she had to babysit her nephew that night. OR
Donna told her she had to babysit her nephew that night.

B GROUP WORK Imagine you don't want to go to Sandra's party. Take turns making excuses and changing them into reported speech.

- A: I'm sorry I can't go. I have tickets to a concert that night.
B: Lucky guy! He said he had tickets to a concert that night.

16 What's your excuse?

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~~16~~

1 People are making a lot of requests of James. Write the requests. Use ask, tell, or say and reported speech.



1. William: "James, take my phone calls."
2. Jenny: "Can you type some letters, James?"
3. Dave: "Could you make copies of these disks?"
4. Anita: "James, file these documents."
5. Linda: "Don't forget to add paper to the copier, James."
6. Ricky: "Fax this report to New York."
7. Chuck: "Make some coffee for me, James."
8. Katie: "Make five copies of the agenda before the meeting."
9. Pete: "Could you give me a ride home?"
10. Olive: "Don't be late to work again."

1. William told James to take his phone calls.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____

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Nouns and verbs

A Complete this chart.

Noun	Verb	Noun	Verb
<i>acceptance</i>	accept	_____	criticize
_____	apologize	_____	excuse
_____	complain	_____	invite
_____	compliment	_____	sympathize

B Complete these sentences. Use words from part A and the correct form of the verb where necessary.

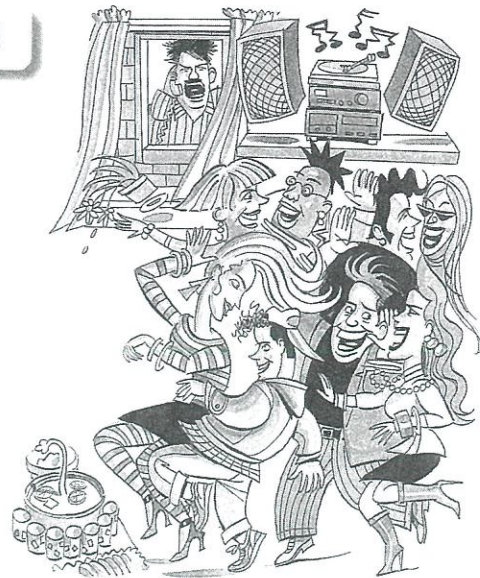
1. This coffee tastes awful. I'll complain to the waiter about it.
2. I _____ an invitation to Terry and Anna's house for dinner.
3. I didn't want to go to Cindy's party, so I made up an _____.
4. I was rude to my teacher. I must _____ to him.
5. My English teacher said my homework was excellent. I was really surprised by her _____.
6. My parents _____ everything I do. I wish they weren't so negative.
7. I'm sorry you have the flu. I had it last week, so I really _____ with you.
8. I received an _____ to Janet's party. I can't wait to go.

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Choose the correct verb. Use the past tense.

- express
 give
 make
 offer
 tell

1. I made a complaint to the police because our neighbors' party was too noisy.
2. Larry _____ me an apology. He asked me to forgive him because he forgot about the party.
3. I couldn't go to the meeting, so I _____ my regrets.
4. Wendy told me she was graduating from college, so I _____ her my congratulations.
5. Jill was very funny at the class party. As usual, she _____ lots of jokes.



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Change these sentences from Active to Passive Voice

For example: John Steinbeck wrote "Grapes of Wrath".

"Grapes of Wrath" was written by John Steinbeck.

1. psy sang "Gangnam Style" in 2012.
2. Charlie Stokes founded Mokwon University in 1954.
3. King Sejong invented the Korean alphabet in 1446.
4. 이문열 wrote "Our Twisted Hero".
5. Johnny Depp played Jack Sparrow in "Pirates of the Caribbean".
6. Harry and Helen Som designed the 63 Building in Seoul.
7. Leonardo Da Vinci painted the "Mona Lisa".
8. France won the 2018 World Cup.

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