



Learn Canadian English

Making Excuses

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Outline

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- Vocabulary: Useful Expressions for Making Excuses
- Listening Activity
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Discussion

1. When do you make excuses?
2. What are some common excuses?
3. What's a white lie? Are white lies ok in your culture?
4. When's the last time you made an excuse...
 - a. At home
 - b. With friends
 - c. At work / school

A photograph of two women sitting on large, light-colored rocks by a body of water. The woman on the left has long dark hair, is wearing a dark top and a necklace, and has sunglasses on her head. The woman on the right has long dark hair, is wearing a light-colored top and a necklace, and also has sunglasses on her head. They are both looking towards each other. In the background, there is a lake with several swan-shaped pedal boats. The water is calm, and the sky is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

Useful Expressions for Making Excuses

Expressions for Making Excuses

Complete the useful phrases for making excuses.

1. I _____ I could, but I won't be able to make it.
2. I'm so sorry. Something _____ up.
3. That's too _____!
4. What a _____!
5. I need to _____ out of our plans.

Expressions for Making Excuses

6. It totally _____ my mind.
7. I feel _____.
8. Sorry to change plans at the _____ minute.
9. Oops. I really _____ the ball on that one.
10. I'll _____ it up to you soon!
11. My _____ apologies.

Listening Activity: Making Excuses

Listen and Answer

1. Who is talking?
2. What's the excuse?
3. Is it good or lame?

Practice: Making Excuses

Write Your Excuse

Situation 1:

Your boss is angry at you for not completing a major project on time.



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Situation 2:

Your friend asks you to help them move. It will take all weekend.



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Situation 3:

Your spouse/partner said they would clean the floors and take out the garbage. They didn't do it.



Practice: Making Excuses

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Situation 4:

You have a big exam in your university class. You forgot to study.



A stylized orange house icon with a gabled roof and a chimney, surrounded by several orange sun rays of varying lengths. The background is a solid orange color.

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