Change of plan

B1 · Adults and teens · Five phrases for everyday problems

1. Look. What might go wrong with their picnic?

JO & SAM · PICNIC GROUP

Jo
Rain tomorrow! We've run out of water.

Sam
Let's find out if the hall is free.

Jo
Or put off the picnic until Sunday?

2. Read the chat or listen to Jo's voice note.

▶ **Play Jo's message**

What are the two problems?
What information do they need?

3. Give them one idea.

We could ...
What would you need to check first?

Read the chat aloud. Make Jo sound worried and Sam sound helpful.
Now look at the five useful phrases on the next page.

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Five phrases. Lots of uses.

Check the meaning, then try an example about your life.

1

put off

do something later

We could put off the picnic until Sunday.

2

call off

cancel a plan or event

Let’s call off the outdoor picnic.

3

run out of

have none left

We’ve run out of water.

4

find out

get information you did not know

Let’s find out whether the hall is free.

5

come up with

think of an idea or solution

Can you come up with an indoor plan?

A small pattern that helps

put it off · call it off (not put off it)
run out of water · **come up with** a plan

Choose one phrase. Tell a real or invented example. Your partner asks why.

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