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## What Do You Want to Say?

# Part I

## What Do You Think?

### Example

Many people think technology brings happiness to our lives and that time-saving machines give us more time. How would you tell folks that, on the contrary, it is new technology itself that is a main source of modern stress?



### Answer

Computers and mobile phones tie people closely to their jobs all the time, regardless of where they work. So their workload increases as efficiency improves. People are busier, even though they do more, but they still lack free time. The employer is getting a great deal, since he can squeeze more work out of the staff without paying more money, but the employee can no longer take a break to recharge his batteries; there is no safe place to hide and relax — the Infernal Machine will find him wherever he goes!

- **workload** : amount of work a person or machine is expected to do
- **squeeze** : barely succeed at getting or doing (sth) → **staff** : people who work for an organization
- **break** : brief period of time during which (sb) stops an activity
- **recharge your batteries** : rest or relax in order to get back your energy
- **infernal** : very bad or unpleasant
- **save (sth) for a rainy day** : save (sth), esp. money, for a time when you will need it
- **sunscreen** : lotion you put on your skin to prevent sunburn
- **give up on (sth)** : stop trying to do or achieve (sth)
- **take (sth) into consideration** : remember to think about (sth) important when you are making or judgment
- **lay (sb) off** : stop employing (sb), esp. for a period in which there is not much work to do
- **on a leash** : under control → **dissuade** : make (sb) decide not to do (sth)
- **finances** : money a person, company, organization etc. has available, or the way they manage this money
- **walk of life** : position in society (sb) has, esp. the type of job they have



1. Because of a traffic jam, you are late to work. Apologize to your boss.



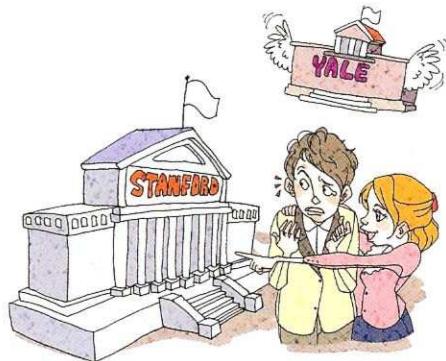
2. Tell your boss you want the day off, because you have a bad cold.



3. Tell a friend why he should save money for a rainy day.



4. Your friend failed the college entrance exam. Cheer him up and advise him to try another school.





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5. Counsel your friend to stop smoking. Tell him both why and how.



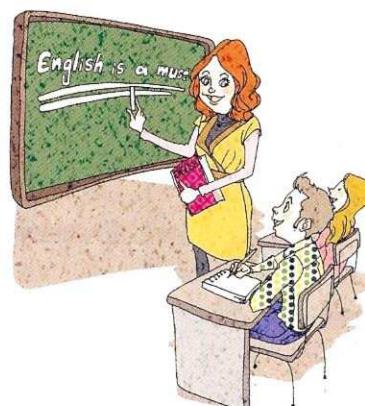
6. How would you advise one of your parents to exercise more?



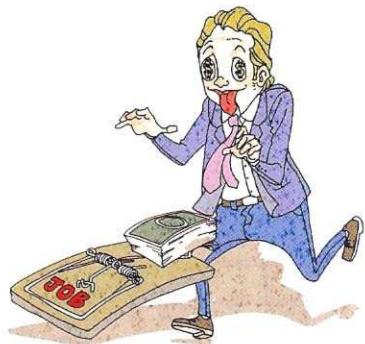
7. Tell your boyfriend (or girlfriend) to be sure to carry a good sunscreen<sup>+</sup> on his or her summer vacation.



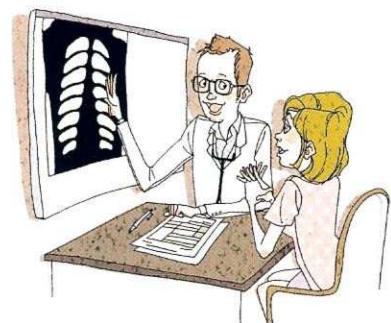
8. Tell your classmates not to give up on<sup>+</sup> English.



9. Advise your brother not to choose a job based on salary alone but to take other qualities into consideration. ↴



10. Tell your friend to get a medical checkup...every year.



11. Explain to your children why it is important to study hard.



12. Inform your employees that it is necessary to cut their pay and to lay some of them off. ↴





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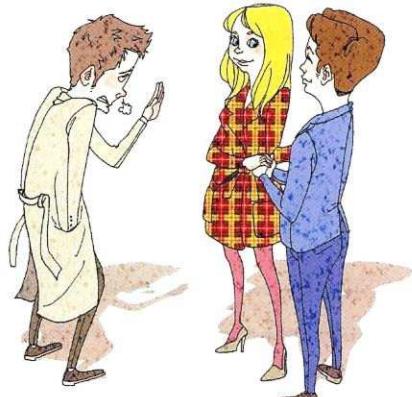
13. Let your best friend know that you won't be able to pay back his loan on time.



14. Tell your parents that you are in love and want to get married. After all, you don't think an 18-year-old is too young for marriage.



15. Tell your girlfriend or boyfriend that you have a new girlfriend/boyfriend.



16. Inform pet-people that all dogs must be kept on a leash at all times when being walked!



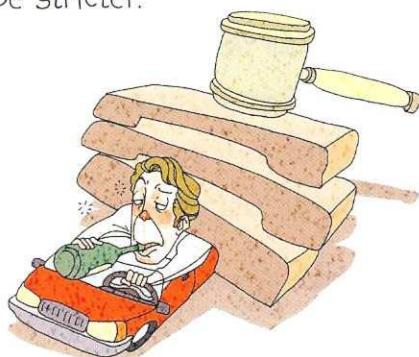
17. Dissuade<sup>+</sup> your daughter from having a nose job.



18. Tell your wife now is the time she must go back to work, since your finances<sup>+</sup> are unlikely to improve.



19. Insist that drunk drivers are potential murderers on the road, so the punishment should be stricter.



20. Argue that women are becoming more powerful in all walks of life.<sup>+</sup>





► **Example**

**He is very forgetful.**

► **Answer**

**I**f he forgets appointments, he needs to get in the habit of writing them down and checking his calendar regularly. If he forgets names, he should try to create a memory link between a person's appearance or position and the name — the more absurd<sup>↓</sup> or exotic,<sup>↓</sup> the easier it is to remember. If he forgets information on tests, he should stop trying to memorize everything and try to understand basic processes and relationships. We can all remember between 3 and 8 things at once, so we need to learn how to organize bigger and bigger thoughts into a small number of categories; remembering becomes very easy then. It's just a matter of training, not intelligence.



→ **absurd** : completely stupid or unreasonable, esp. in a silly way

→ **exotic** : very different, strange, or unusual      → **flat tire** : tire with no air

→ **suicide** : act of killing oneself

→ **fad** : (sth) such as an interest or fashion that is very popular for a short time

→ **on credit** : buy (sth) and pay for it later

→ **promotion** : move to a more important job or rank in a company or organization

→ **incentive** : (sth) that encourages (sb) to do (sth) or to work harder

→ **inheritance** : money, property etc. that you receive from (sb) after they have died

→ **househusband** : married man who stays at home, does cleaning, cooking, etc. and does not have another job outside the home

→ **alibi** : claim that you cannot be guilty of a crime because you were somewhere else when the crime was committed