



Student A

Situation one

You are planning to go on holiday with your old school friends. You are anxious to start booking flights etc. but you suspect one of your friends hasn't told their partner yet because their partner doesn't like you or your friends. You speak to him/her to ask about the situation.

Situation two

You are driving with your colleague to an important meeting but have been stuck in traffic caused by road works for the last hour. You are both getting anxious about being late and are annoyed as you are commonly delayed by road works.

- a Well, time is money. The price of the flights is going up all the time. You need to **make up your mind** soon.
- b Fantastic! It'll be a brilliant holiday!
- c Did you see those guys 'working' on the road! Just **killing time** until they can go home and not doing anything. Unbelievable!
- d Anyway, looks like the traffic is getting better now. We may get there just **in the nick of time**.
- e Yeah I know. We need to **make up for lost time**. I'm going drive as fast as I can.
- f So, have you told your partner yet about the holiday?
- g You're incredible! We only see each other as a group **once in a blue moon**. Why the delay?

Student B

Situation one

You are planning to go on holiday with your old school friends who your partner doesn't know very well or like. Your partner will be upset when they find out and therefore you have delayed telling them. One of your friends is anxious to start booking flights etc. and is asking you about the situation.

Situation two

You and your colleague, who is driving, are going to an important meeting but you have been stuck in traffic caused by road works for the last hour. You are both getting anxious about being late and are annoyed as you are commonly delayed by road works.

- h Not exactly, I'm just **biding my time**, waiting for the right moment to say something.
- i OK, OK. I'll phone right now.
- j Those road works were terrible! We're going to be late for the meeting.
- k Tell me about it! **Time after time** I drive down this road and there are road works but nobody working.
- l I think we will. But don't get us killed on the way!
- m I know I've been **dragging my feet** but I have to wait until he's/she's in a good mood.
- n Good idea. We're going to be really **pressed for time**. The meeting starts in under an hour.

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TIME LINES

Situation 1 – f, h, g, m, a, i, b

Situation 2 – j, e, n, c, k, d, l