

The Office - Sorry I'm Late (C0311)

- Maggie Gao: Okay everyone, shall we begin?
- Bill: Sorry Maggie, but we are missing a few people. Can we hang on a sec?
- Maggie Gao: Well, I did say eleven o'clock sharp, and it's now five past so. . . .
- James: Hi everyone, I'm so sorry I'm late. It's raining cats and dogs outside and I had to wait ages for a taxi.
- Maggie Gao: Okay James, take a seat quickly please. Right, the subject of the meeting is.
- Sally: Hi guys. Please excuse me ,I was held up in traffic.
- Maggie Gao: Right, as I was saying the subject of the m. . .
- Bruno: Hi Maggie. I'm terribly sorry. The traffic is murder out there.

Maggie Gao: Sit down Bruno! Okay now, as you are aware, the topic for this meeting is 'The importance of being punctual'. Who would like to start?

Key Vocabulary

hang on a sec	<i>P</i>	hold on
wait ages	<i>V</i>	wait for a very long time
hold up	<i>V</i>	stuck
I am terribly sorry	<i>P</i>	Very sorry
please excuse me	<i>R</i>	pardon

Supplementary Vocabulary

late	<i>A</i>	occurring, coming, or being after the usual or proper time
absent	<i>A</i>	not in a certain place at a given time

excuse	<i>V</i>	to offer an apology for; seek to remove the blame of
slack	<i>A</i>	negligent; careless