We preferred to remain friends.

Do you often smile at other people?

It was very difficult to recognize this person.

He’s just drawn several pictures.

Who threatened to kill/blackmail him?

Do we need to employ new staff/personnel/workers/employees?

She always manipulated him when they lived together.

She’s always manipulated him.

Don’t pause. (make a pause)

I paused for several seconds.

I had to follow this recommendation.

He hasn’t apologized yet.

I’ve already checked everything.

Check it more thoroughly.

I always check it as thoroughly as I can.

I always study as hard working as I can.

This ticket includes this service.

He didn’t demand the explanation.

Will you print it for me?

I’ve been staying home (lately/ for the last two days).