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|  | Deceptive Message | Non-Deceptive Message |
| Butler Content | I was busy with work all day sorry I didn’t see your messages | I play I'll call you after |
| No Butler Content | Blame the house, you can hear everything in my room at certain parts | Bruh |

For this assignment, I am choosing to write about a butler lie I had told my girlfriend over text. The text I sent here was “I was busy with work all day sorry I didn’t see your messages”. Now this text would be considered a **butler lie**. A **butler message** is simply a verbal message sent to manage your availability or unavailability to persons, what makes this message turn into a butler lie is when that message is a lie used to get out of interaction or to make some interaction not as uncomfortable to the person. The reason why I consider my message a butler lie is simply because on that day I just didn’t feel like talking to anyone over the phone, so I ignored everyone’s text messages for that day, even hers, and at the end of the day I made up an excuse to try and push some of the accountability off of myself.

That one lie can be related to a few concepts if you put your mind to it. One of those concepts is **Availability Management**, this concept explains behaviors that we take in order to manage what other persons think about our availability. Now when you look at my message you may be thinking “How on earth does his text relate to this?”, well if you look at my message basically says that I didn’t see the messages because I was busy. The behavior in question is me simply not making it so that messages appear as read on our phones because we both have an iPhone or the fact that I didn’t send a message until the end when I was ready. Doing these actions makes it look like I was truly busy all day to the people outside, giving a false sense on my availability.

A very odd concept that can be connected to my message is **Available Expectation**, this in simple terms is where certain relationships carry certain availability expectations, where you are supposed to be able to be there for them. This can be a lot of things such as calling someone for their birthday, showing up on time to an interview, or in my case, a text message from one’s loved one has a built-in expectation that you shouldn’t take too long when it comes to responding to them.

**Account** is another concept that my message relates to. An account is an explanation for a relational failure. The relational failure in question was my choosing not to respond to my girlfriend in a timely fashion, as it’s customary to at least answer a text from a loved one within an hour and a half and not the very end of the day when you received the message during the early parts of the day. The account for this situation was the lie that I told stating that I was busy with work all day.

Now the last concept my text message relates to is **Screen Time**. Screen Time is the amount of time you or someone else spends looking at a screen in a given period. Now at first glance, you might be confused as to how this concept relates to my message, well remember I had stated that I didn’t want to talk with anyone over the phone that day, by doing so my action could be looked at a way to lessen the amount of Screen Time that I do for that day.