# Lesson 54: Sticky fingers

Sticky fingers

What two interruptions did the writer have?

After breakfast, I sent the children to school, and then I went to the shops.

It was still early when I returned home.

The children were at school, my husband was at work, and the house was quiet.

So I decided to make some meat pies.

In a short time, I was busy mixing butter and flour, and my hands were soon covered with sticky pastry.

At exactly that moment, the telephone rang.

Nothing could have been more annoying.

I picked up the receiver between two sticky fingers and was dismayed when I recognized the voice of Helen Bates.

It took me ten minutes to persuade her to call back later.

At last, I hung up the receiver.

What a mess! There was pastry on my fingers, on the telephone, and on the doorknobs.

I had no sooner gotten back to the kitchen than the doorbell rang loud enough to wake the dead.

This time it was the postman, and he wanted me to sign for a registered letter!

As soon as the writer returned home from the shops, she began to make some meat pies.

When the telephone rang soon afterwards, her fingers were very sticky.

She spent ten minutes talking to Helen Bates on the telephone.

After that, she looked at the mess she had made.

Her fingers, the telephone, and the doorknobs were covered with pastry.

Just then, the postman rang the doorbell.

He wanted her to sign for a registered letter.

After putting the cake in the oven, I forgot all about it.

When two hours had passed, I smelled something burning.

On going into the kitchen, I found it full of smoke.

Did you get any information?

I want some information.

Is there any news in the paper?

There is some interesting news in the paper.

Did the storm do any damage?

The storm did some damage to the crops.

Did you do any work yesterday?

I did some work before breakfast.

Did you bring any luggage?

I have some luggage in the car.

He was very poor years ago, but now he is a rich man.

The rich should help the poor.

She was born deaf and blind.

There are many organizations to help the deaf and the blind.

The school in our village was built last year.

The children went to school early this morning.

We need a new cinema and a new theater.

I often go to the cinema and the theater.

It is the most interesting exhibition I have ever seen.

Most people enjoyed it

It is the biggest shop in London.

Most shops are closed on Saturday afternoon.

The telephone rang at an inconvenient time.

Everything got into a mess because the writer was interrupted several times while making meat pies.

Breakfast is the first meal of the day.

She was at home all morning.

It was the most annoying thing that could have happened.

Whose voice did she recognize?

Helen Bates's.

She had hardly gotten back to the kitchen when the doorbell rang.

She was busy putting butter and flour together.

Pastry is as sticky as glue.

She felt sorry when she saw Bates.

She hung up the receiver.

This means she put it back in its place.

She has just hung up the receiver.

I picked up the receiver between two sticky fingers and was dismayed when I recognized the voice of Helen Bates.