

36. Excuses for Being Late



Your fault	1	Sorry, I'm late.	<i>Good evening. Sorry I'm late. (reason). May I come in?</i>
	2	My alarm didn't go off.	<i>What the? My alarm didn't <u>go off</u>!! Now I'm gonna be late for school!</i>
	3	I overslept.	<i>I'm sorry I'm late. I had a late night and overslept.</i>
	4	I lost track of time.	<i>I was at karaoke and <u>lost track of time</u>. I'm sorry.</i>
	5	I was tied up at work.	<i>I wanted to get here earlier but was <u>tied up</u> at work.</i>
Bus	6	I had to wait ages for a bus.	<i>Geez, I'm sorry. I had to <u>wait ages</u> for the bus. It took forever.</i>
	7	The bus was late.	<i>I'm sorry, there was a traffic jam so the bus was late.</i>
	8	The bus didn't stop at my stop.	<i>I'm so angry. I put out my hand but the bus didn't stop at my stop.</i>
Train	9	There was an accident on the tracks.	<i>The train was late because some idiot jumped on the tracks.</i>
	10	The trains were delayed due to an accident.	<i>The trains were delayed <u>due to</u> a person on the tracks.</i>
	11	The trains were on strike.	<i>I can't believe it. The trains are always on strike in this country.</i>
Car	12	The traffic was terrible.	<i>The traffic in Okayama is always terrible in the morning.</i>
	13	I couldn't find a parking spot.	<i>I arrived on time but couldn't find a place to park.</i>
	14	I got lost coming here.	<i>I used Google maps but still got lost coming here.</i>
	15	I got stuck in a traffic jam.	<i>I'm sorry, I got stuck in a traffic jam on Route 2.</i>
	16	I got a flat tire.	<i>I ran over a pothole and got a flat tire on the way here.</i>
Sorry	17	I have no excuse for being tardy.	<i>I'm sorry, I have no excuse for being tardy.</i>
	18	I'll be more careful next time.	<i>This will never happen again. I'll be more careful next time.</i>

- Are you a punctual person, or sometimes late?
- How long would you wait for someone who is late to an appointment?