In this lesson, we will learn some common English phrases that can be used in everyday situations.

**When you are late**

Here are a few phrases you can use when you are late or can’t come at all.

- Sorry I’m late. My car broke down on the way.
- Sorry for the delay.
- Sorry to keep you waiting.
- I’m sorry, I couldn’t make it that day.
- I’m sorry, I couldn’t make it in time.
- I’m sorry, I got a little late.

**Asking someone to wait**

Here are a few phrases you can use to ask someone to wait.

- Hold on.
- Just wait.
- Hang on.
- Hold on a minute.
- Wait a minute / second. I’ll be right back.
- Just a minute / moment / second.
- Just a minute. I’m coming.

**Other useful phrases**

**Let me see.**

This expression is used when you want some time to think before you can do something.

- ‘Have you got any letters for me?’ ‘Let me see.’
- ‘How much are you selling it for?’ ‘Well, let me see.’

**Bear with me/us**

This is a polite way of asking someone to wait while you do something.

**Bear with me** until I finish this report.

**All in good time**
This expression is used to ask someone to give you enough time to do something.

- ‘I’m starved! Isn’t dinner ready yet?’ ‘All in good time, dear, all in good time.’

If you would like to let someone pass through a door in front of you, it is polite to say:

After you!