

Intermediate 2
Unit 4 Dialog
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Food Poisoning

poison (n.) = a substance that can make people or animals ill or kill them if they eat or drink it
rat poison

The giraffe was killed with a spear that had been tipped with poison.

Arsenic is a deadly poison that takes immediate effect.

poisonous (adj.) = toxic

Can you tell the difference between poisonous mushrooms and edible varieties?

poison (v.) = kill a person or an animal with poison; add poison to something

He said that someone had poisoned his coffee.

The chemical leak had poisoned the water supply.

poisoning (n.) = an illness caused by eating, drinking, or breathing a dangerous substance

*Mel usually arrives at the office in time. Today they have a meeting and she hasn't arrived yet.
Her colleague Liz calls her to see what the problem is.*

in time = a bit early

Mel is a **punctual** person. ➔ **punctual** = always on time

colleague = workmate, co-worker

to see what the problem is = **in order to** see what the problem is

in order to = so as to

Liz: Mel! It's me, Liz, here. Why aren't you here at the meeting?

Mel: I'm awfully sorry. But I'm not feeling very well.

awfully = terribly, very, too, so

Liz: Is that all? We thought you might have had an accident or something.

Mel: No, I was sick all night. It must have been for the bologna I ate last night.

or something = or something like that; or a similar thing

sick = ill

sick = nauseous

nausea = a feeling that you want to throw up the food that you have eaten

be/feel sick = be/feel nauseous

It must have been for ... = I'm sure it was because of ...



bologna /bə'loʊ.ni/ = a kind of sausage

bologna /bə'loʊ.ni/ = a cooked smoked sausage that is sliced and eaten cold

Liz: I think you should at least have phoned us.

Mel: Yeah, I suppose I should have done it. I'm so sorry about that.

at least ≠ at (the) most

You should have phoned us. = We expected you to phone us, but you didn't.

Mel apologizes to Liz for not phoning the office.

Liz: OK. Well, take care and don't eat any more bologna.

Mel: Sure, I won't. And thanks for your call.

Liz accepts Mel's apology.

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Sample Summary:

Mel, who usually arrives at the office on time, is absent for a meeting. Her colleague Liz calls to inquire about the delay. Mel explains that she's feeling unwell due to food poisoning from the bologna she ate the previous night. Liz suggests that Mel should have at least phoned them to inform about her absence. Mel acknowledges this and apologizes, promising not to eat any more bologna. It seems like Mel's encounter with the bologna didn't go quite as planned!

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