

**Intermediate 2**  
**Unit 5: Dialog**  
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## Better Late than Never

**Better late than never** = Arriving late is better than never arriving

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**leave a place for another place**

- *Michael left London for Manchester an hour ago.*
- *Billy leaves school for home at 4:30 every day.*

**4:30** = four thirty = half past four (British) = half after four (American)

**5:45** = five forty-five = a quarter to six

It takes Billy about 30 minutes to get back home from school.

He is 45 minutes late today.

**Mr. Lawrence:** What's wrong, Mary? You look so anxious.

**Mrs. Lawrence:** I'm worried about Billy. He should have arrived by now.

**What's wrong?** = What's the matter? = What's eating you? (Informal) = What's up?

**look** = seem, appear

**so** = very

**anxious** (adj.) = worried, stressed (out), concerned

**anxiety** (n.) = stress

**He should have arrived.** = He was expected to arrive, but he didn't.

**by** = before

**Mr. Lawrence:** Don't be so concerned. He might have gotten stuck in the traffic.

**Mrs. Lawrence:** But then again, I'm afraid something must have happened.

**concerned** (adj.) = worried, anxious

**stuck** = unable to move

**He might have gotten stuck in the traffic.** = Maybe he got stuck in the traffic.

**But then again** = Anyhow, Anyway, After all

**I'm afraid** = I'm scared

**Something must have happened.** = I am sure that something has happened.

**Mr. Lawrence:** Now don't jump to conclusions. I'm sure he'll turn up soon.

**Mrs. Lawrence:** What if he had an accident? You know he's so careless.

**Don't jump to conclusions** = Don't judge too fast

**conclude** (v.) = come to a conclusion

**conclusion** (n.) = what you have concluded

**turn up** = show up, appear

**What if** = What would happen

**Mr. Lawrence:** Come on. Maybe he's gone to a friend's house.

*(The doorbell rings.)*

**Mrs. Lawrence:** That must be him. What a relief!

**Come on** = Stop talking like that

**Maybe** = perhaps

**he's gone** = he has gone

**Maybe he has gone to a friend's house.** = He might have gone to a friend's house.

**That must be him.** = I am sure (that) that is him.

**relieve** (v.) = to reduce pain

**relief** (n.) = the feeling of comfort after pain has decreased or has stopped

**What a relief!** = I feel relieved! I am no longer anxious!

**relieved** (adj.) = happy because you are no longer in pain

➤ *Mrs. Lawrence felt relieved after hearing the doorbell.*

**Full Text:**

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**Sample Summary:**

In the conversation titled "Better Late than Never," Mrs. Lawrence is anxious because her son, Billy, who is usually home by 5:00 PM, has not yet arrived and it's already 5:45 PM. Mr. Lawrence tries to reassure her by suggesting that Billy might be delayed due to traffic or that he might have stopped by a friend's house. Despite Mr. Lawrence's attempts to calm her, Mrs. Lawrence can't help but worry about the possibility of an accident, given Billy's carelessness. The tension is finally broken by the sound of the doorbell, which they hope is Billy returning home safely. The conversation captures a moment of parental concern that is resolved with Billy's anticipated arrival.

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