

Pre-Intermediate 1
Unit 7 Dialog
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In Hot Water



in hot water = in trouble

Mike arrives at the office and finds the atmosphere unusual.

atmosphere = ambience = the general mood of a place
unusual = strange, odd, weird

Mike: Why's everything so unusual today?

Terry: Haven't you heard the news? Tom's in hot water.

Why's = Why is

Point:

The word *news* is uncountable, and we use a singular verb after it.

Examples:

Don't Say: The news **were** shocking.

Say: The news **was** shocking.

Don't Say: I heard **two news**.

Say: I heard **two pieces of news**.

Say: I heard **some news**.

Word	American Pronunciation	British Pronunciation
news	/nu:z/	/nju:z/

Mike: Why? What's he done?

Terry: He took the company car without permission and smashed it up.

What's he done? = What has he done?

the company car = the car of the company

- permit (verb) = allow = let somebody do something
- permission (noun) = authority = allowing somebody to do something

smash up = damage completely, ruin

Tom smashed up the company car.

The company car is smashed up.

Mike: How awful! Is he OK?

Terry: Yes, but I wouldn't like to be in his shoes when the boss finds out.

awful = terrible, very bad

in his shoes = in his place

boss = president, top manager, chairman

Mike: Oh, he'll make up a good story and get off the hook.

Terry: Yeah, he's always like that.

make up = fabricate = to invent something, such as an excuse or a story, often in order to deceive

get off the hook = get out of the trouble



Full Text:

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Sample Summary:

Mike arrives at work and notices something is off. Terry tells him that Tom is in trouble because he took the company car without permission and crashed it. Tom is okay, but they both think he will try to make up a story to avoid getting into serious trouble.

Sample Summary:

Mike gets to work and senses something is different. Terry explains that Tom is in trouble for taking the company car without permission and crashing it. Although Tom is fine, they both think he will try to come up with an excuse to avoid serious consequences.

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