

**Pre-Intermediate 3**  
**Unit 8 Dialog**  
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## A Household Emergency

**household** = domestic; related to a person's house  
**emergency** = an urgent situation

Mrs. Ford has just come back from a trip and there is an inch of water on the floor of her kitchen and living room.

**just** = very recently; not long ago  
**1 inch** = 2.54 centimeters  
**living room** = sitting room

**Mrs. Ford:** What a mess! I've been out of town for a week and there's water everywhere.  
**Janitor:** Do you know where I can cut off the water?

**janitor** = custodian = caretaker  
**What a mess!** = How messy (it is)! = How dirty (it is)! => **Exclamation**  
**Exclamation** = a sentence which shows our surprise, anger, excitement or any powerful feeling.  
**Exclamation Mark** = !  
**cut off** = turn off  
**where I can cut off the water** => **Noun Clause**

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**main valve**



**closet** (American) = **wardrobe** (British)

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**Janitor:** The owner will cover it, as long as you didn't cause the problem yourself.

**That's all I care about.** = That is the only thing which matters to me.  
➤ **matter** = be important

**owner** = a person who owns something  
➤ **own** = have; possess

**owner** = the owner of the apartment

**cover** = pay for

**as long as** = if

**cause** = make something happen

**Mrs. Ford:** What a way to end my trip!

**Janitor:** Take it easy Mrs. Ford. Accidents will happen.

**Accidents will happen** = Although you try to be very careful, some unfortunate or unforeseen events will occur.

➤ *Problems like these should not occur, but accidents will happen.*

**Full Text:**

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**Sample Summary:**

Mrs. Ford returns from a trip and finds her apartment flooded. She asks the janitor for help, who tells her to turn off the water and contact the manager. Mrs. Ford worries about the cost of the damage, but the janitor assures her that the owner will pay for it. Mrs. Ford is upset by the situation, but the janitor tries to calm her down.

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