

## Missing a class

Listen to a student explain why she can't come to class to practise and improve your listening skills.

### Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

### Preparation task

Complete the phrases with words from the box.

links	appointment	know
assignment	test	term

1. a doctor's .....
2. a homework .....
3. to let someone .....
4. to post ..... online
5. a practice .....
6. a mid-..... exam

## Tasks

### Task 1

Circle the best answer.

1. Diana can't come to class because ...
  - a. she has a different class.
  - b. she has a mid-term exam.
  - c. she has a doctor's appointment.
  
2. For homework, she has to read ...
  - a. chapters 17, 18, 19 and 20.
  - b. chapters 17, 19 and 20.
  - c. chapters 17 and 20.

3. The articles and video are available ...
  - a. online.
  - b. via email.
  - c. in the library.
  
4. The deadline for the homework is ...
  - a. Wednesday.
  - b. Friday.
  - c. Sunday.
  
5. The teacher can give Diana the practice test ...
  - a. on Friday.
  - b. by email.
  - c. after the mid-term exam.
  
6. The office needs ...
  - a. a note from the doctor.
  - b. an email from Diana.
  - c. the mid-term exam.

## Task 2

Put the words and phrases in order to make sentences.

1. but    sorry    to class.    I    I'm    can't come
  
2. Can    me    give    the homework    you    assignment?
  
3. to    chapters 17    read    20.    You need    to
  
4. I    should    do?    What
  
5. links    the    post    I'll    online.
  
6. the practice    you    give    I    can    test.

## Discussion

Do you have a lot of homework? What kind of homework do you like?

## Transcript

**Student:** Excuse me, Ms Henderson?

**Teacher:** Yes, Diana. How can I help you?

**Student:** I'm sorry, but I can't come to class next Wednesday. I have a doctor's appointment.

**Teacher:** OK. Thanks for letting me know.

**Student:** Is there anything to do at home?

**Teacher:** Let me just check my notebook. OK, first of all ... you need to read chapters 17, 19 and 20 in the book. There are also some articles and a video to watch – those are online. I'll post the links online in the usual place.

**Student:** Chapters 17 to 20.

**Teacher:** Yes, except chapter 18. Chapters 17, 19 and 20.

**Student:** Ah, OK. Um ... is there a deadline?

**Teacher:** Yes, this Friday. But there's something else. I was going to give you all a practice test.

**Student:** A practice test?

**Teacher:** Yes, to help people prepare for the mid-term exam.

**Student:** Ah. All right.

**Teacher:** Don't worry, I can send you the practice test by email on Wednesday. Can you send it to me before Friday?

**Student:** Sure, no problem.

**Teacher:** And don't forget to bring a certificate from the doctor to the office.

**Student:** Thanks, Ms Henderson! I'll do that.

**Teacher:** You're welcome, Diana. Take care.

## Answers

### Preparation task

1. appointment
2. assignment
3. know
4. links
5. test
6. term

### Task 1

1. c
2. b
3. a
4. b
5. b
6. a

### Task 2

1. I'm sorry but I can't come to class.
2. Can you give me the homework assignment?
3. You need to read chapters 17 to 20.
4. What should I do?
5. I'll post the links online.
6. I can give you the practice test.