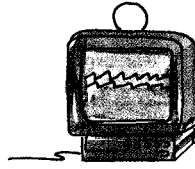


59 Everyday problems

A At home

The TV isn't working. Can you repair it?



The washing machine is broken. We need to mend it.



The plants are dying.
Did you forget to water them?



The room is untidy. We must tidy it.

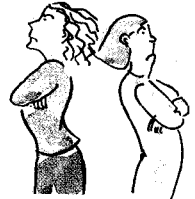


I've lost my keys. Will you help me look for them?

You've cut your finger.
You should put on a plaster.

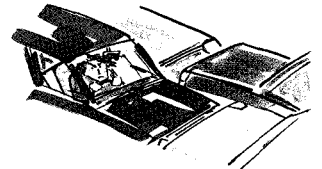


You've had a row with a friend. Will you apologise? (= say 'I'm sorry'.)



B At work

Carla had a bad day at work yesterday. She was late for work.



She had too much work to do.



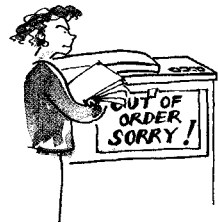
Her colleague was in a bad mood.



Her computer crashed.



The photocopier was out of order.



The coffee machine wasn't working.



Tip: When you need to make a list of things to do, make it in English, e.g.
Mend my bike Water the plants Tidy my desk

Exercises

59.1 Look at the pictures. What is the problem?



- 1 Sam ... *The coffee machine isn't working.*
 2 Sarah
 3 Maria
 4 Tommy
 5 Tina
 6 Ross
 7 Delia
 8 Kim

59.2 Write down three nouns that can go with these words:

- 1 broken *window/cup/glass* 4 late for
 2 cut 5 a that isn't working
 3 untidy 6 too much

59.3 Put the problems in two groups, *serious* or *not serious*.

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 a TV that doesn't work | 8 a broken washing machine |
| 2 dying plants | 9 an untidy bedroom |
| 3 a cut finger | 10 a row with a friend |
| 4 being late for work | 11 a computer crash |
| 5 a colleague in a bad mood | 12 lost keys |
| 6 a photocopier that is out-of-order | 13 too much work |
| 7 a coffee machine that isn't working | |

59.4 Look at Carla's problems in B. What could she do?

She was late for work - get a new alarm clock.

59.5 Can you think of three everyday problems that you, or people you know, have had recently? Write them down in English. Use a dictionary if you need one.