



### Unit 2 Excuses, excuses

#### Practice

**1 PAIRS. Practice the conversation. Then switch roles.**

**A:** Hello? Pat? This is Alex.

**B:** (1) Hello, Alex. What's up?

**A:** (2) I'm sorry, but I can't come to work today.

**B:** (3) What's the matter?

**A:** I (4) have a terrible sore throat, and I have to go to the doctor.

**B:** (5) I'm sorry to hear that. Will you be back tomorrow?

**A:** I don't know. (6) It's pretty bad.

**B:** Well, I hope you feel better soon.

**A:** OK. Thanks. Bye.

#### Substitute

**2 PAIRS. Use the substitutions in the box to create a new conversation. Practice the conversation. Then switch roles.**

*For example,*

**A:** Hello? Pat? This is Alex.

**B:** Hi, Alex.

**A:** I'm afraid I can't play baseball this afternoon.

Student A	Student B
(2) I'm afraid I can't play baseball this afternoon.  (4) hurt my arm,  (6) It really hurts.	(1) Hi,  (3) What's the problem?  (5) That's too bad.

#### Personalize

**3 PAIRS. Role-play the conversation. Use your own words for the underlined parts. Then switch roles.**

