



English Vocabulary Booster

Episode 59

The podcasts that boosts your English vocabulary and makes you sounds like a native.

Unexpected events

Take a rain check
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Hey Lucy!

Hey Jen! What's up? I was just getting ready to go to the restaurant. Are you ready yet?

Actually, Lucy. I'm going to have to **take a rain check** tonight.

What? Why?

It's just... **something came up** and I can't come.

Why? What happened? Are you okay?

Yeah, it's just my cousin from Chicago, Melissa. She called me **out of the blue** and said she was flying here tonight. I'm actually with her on the other line.

Are you serious? Just like that?

Yeah, I guess she made a **snap decision**... and she'll be spending the night here.

What a **bummer**. Well, alright, then, I'll talk to you later, okay?

Okay. Bye. Paul? Baby. I think she believed me... Okay, so should I come to your place or do you want to-

Jen. Jen. It's still me, Lucy.

I - I think you've got the wrong number.

Lucy, you called me.

[phone clicks]

Unbelievable...



Take a rain check - I'm going to have to take a rain check tonight.

- When you tell someone you have to take a rain check, are you accepting an invitation or are you declining it?
- If you take a rain check, what do you imply? That you will never accept an invitation again or that you will do it but another time?
- Is telling someone you have to take a rain check rude or polite?
- When was the last time you took a rain check? Why?

Something comes up - It's just... something came up and I can't come.

- When you have a plan but something comes up, what happens? You can't go, you can go but later, you will be early?
- If something comes up, do you expect it?
- When was the last time you were late or didn't go somewhere because something came up?

Out of the blue - She called me out of the blue.

- If something happens out of the blue, do you expect it to happen?
- When was the last time someone contacted you out of the blue?

Snap decision - Yeah, I guess she made a snap decision...

- If you make a snap decision, how long do you think about it before making it?
- Do you often make snap decisions?

Bummer - What a bummer.

- When do you use the expression "bummer", when responding to good news or bad news?
- If you think something is a bummer, are you excited or disappointed?
- If you think something is a bummer, how bad is the news? Really bad or just a little bit?
- What could be examples of a bummer for you?