



Lesson B2-03 | High Intermediate | CEFR B1

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Woman: Same here. Some of the questions were really hard.

Man: Were you able to _____ the essay section?

Woman: Yeah, I was able to do that, at least.

Man: Me too, although I wasn't able to _____ 300 words.

Woman: Me _____! How many words did you write?

Man: I was only able to write about 200 words.

Woman: Same here! Well, fingers crossed we get a good grade.

Man: Yes, fingers crossed!

Conversation 2

Man: So, how is the wedding planning coming along?

Woman: Good, we have _____ most of the arrangements.

Man: Are you still having the wedding at the lake?

Woman: No, we weren't able to _____ the place we wanted.

Man: Oh, then where are you having it then?

Woman: We are having it at a _____ in the countryside.

Man: Well, it sounds nice.

Woman: Yeah, in the end, it worked out well. We were able to get a really good _____ on the caterer too.

Man: Oh, that's great! I am glad to hear it.

Conversation 3

Man: I am sorry I wasn't able to _____ your birthday party on Saturday.

Woman: Yeah, what happened? We were _____ you.

Man: Well, my babysitter cancelled and I wasn't able to _____ a replacement.

Woman: Oh, that's too bad. Maybe next time.

Man: Well, I really wanted to go. I'm sorry I couldn't _____.

Woman: No worries. Some other people couldn't make it also.

Man: Oh, good. I am glad I was not the only one.

Conversation 4

Quiz

1) Was the woman able to answer all the questions?

- a) Yes, she was.
- b) No, she was not.

2) Where will they have the wedding?

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3) What was the man not able to do?

- a) Attend the party
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4) What did the woman visit?

- a) The Statue of Liberty
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Grammar Challenge

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answer	deal	attend	go to
finish	finalized	make it	tickets
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Speaking Challenge

Match the answers with the questions.

- 1) Were you late for the meeting?
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