

Calling in Sick



Juan: Hello. May I please speak to Mr. Carter?
Mr. Carter: This is Mr. Carter.
Juan: This is Juan Torres. I'm sorry. I can't come to work today.
Mr. Carter: Oh? What's the matter?
Juan: I have a fever and a bad headache. I think I have the flu.
Mr. Carter: That's too bad. Get some rest. I hope you feel better. Please call me tomorrow if you're still sick.
Juan: I will. Thank you.

Read the question. If the statement is true, write T. If the statement is false, write F.

- _____ 1. Peter is not going to work this morning.
 - _____ 2. Peter is calling work because he is going to be late this morning.
 - _____ 3. Mr. Carter is Juan's supervisor.
 - _____ 4. Juan has a cold.
 - _____ 5. Juan will not be in tomorrow.
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Circle the best answer:

1. Alice woke up at 7:30 with a fever of 103°. She should be at work at 9:00. What should she do?
 - a. Go back to sleep and call her supervisor at noon when she feels better.
 - b. Get dressed and go to work even though she is sick.
 - c. Call her supervisor as soon as work opens.
2. Stan missed work today because he was sick. He didn't call his supervisor because he was only going to miss one day. What does Stan's supervisor think about Stan's not calling?
 - a. He thinks Stan is irresponsible.
 - b. He's glad Stan didn't bother him about such a small problem.
 - c. Stan's supervisor is sure he has a good reason for being absent.



Work with a partner to write a dialogue for these situations:

1. You are sick. You have a fever of 102°. You are not sure when you can come back to work/class. You call your supervisor/teacher, Mr. Trang.

You: _____

Mr.Trang: _____

You: _____

Mr.Trang: _____

You: _____

2. Your child has a strep throat. She has to stay home for one day. You can't get a babysitter because the child is contagious until tomorrow. You call your boss/teacher.

You: _____

Mrs.Allen: _____

You: _____

Mrs.Allen: _____

You: _____

