

WHAT A PREDICAMENT!

AudioScript

B

Listen to two people describe predicaments. Check True or False.

Peter

Woman: How was your dinner party? Did everyone like the food?

Peter: Um, it went pretty well until the sweet corn pancakes.

Woman: Oh, what happened?

Peter: Well, I thought I remembered how to make them, so I didn't bother to look in the cookbook. I mixed up all the flour, eggs, sweet corn, and sugar and then tried to fry them. You know, they're supposed to be nice, flat pancakes, but they wouldn't stick together. Every time I tried to lift one out of the pan, it fell apart. They were a total disaster!

Woman: So what did you do?

Peter: I had some stuff in the kitchen to make a quick pasta dish, so I threw out the pancakes and served that instead.

Woman: Do you know what you did wrong?

Peter: Well, I checked the recipe later. I hadn't used enough eggs.

Pam

Man: How was your trip to Costa Rica, Pam?

Pam: Great, except for the flight back.

Man: What happened?

Pam: Well, I was flying home from San José to Chicago, with a connecting flight in Houston. The plane left San José late, so I missed my connecting flight in Houston.

Man: Did you get on another flight?

Pam: Well, yes, but the next flight didn't leave for six more hours. But I have a friend in Houston, and she said she could pick me up for dinner. I asked at the airport if it was OK to leave, and they said yes.

Man: But it wasn't OK?

Pam: Well, it was, except I didn't realize I would have to check in again. So, my friend and I went to dinner, and she dropped me off at the airport half an hour before my flight. When I got there, I had to wait in a really long line and, of course, I missed my flight . . .

Man: Oh, no. What did you do?

Pam: Oh, I got on another flight to Chicago, but it didn't leave until 10:00 P.M.

Man: Wow! What a long day. Do you wish you hadn't left the airport?

Pam: No. It was great to see my friend. But I was sorry I didn't get back to the airport earlier!

C

Listen again. What should they have done? Complete the sentences.

Answers

A

Answers will vary.

B

Peter

1. True
2. False
3. False

Pam

1. False
2. False
3. True

C

1. looked in the cookbook/checked the recipe/used more eggs

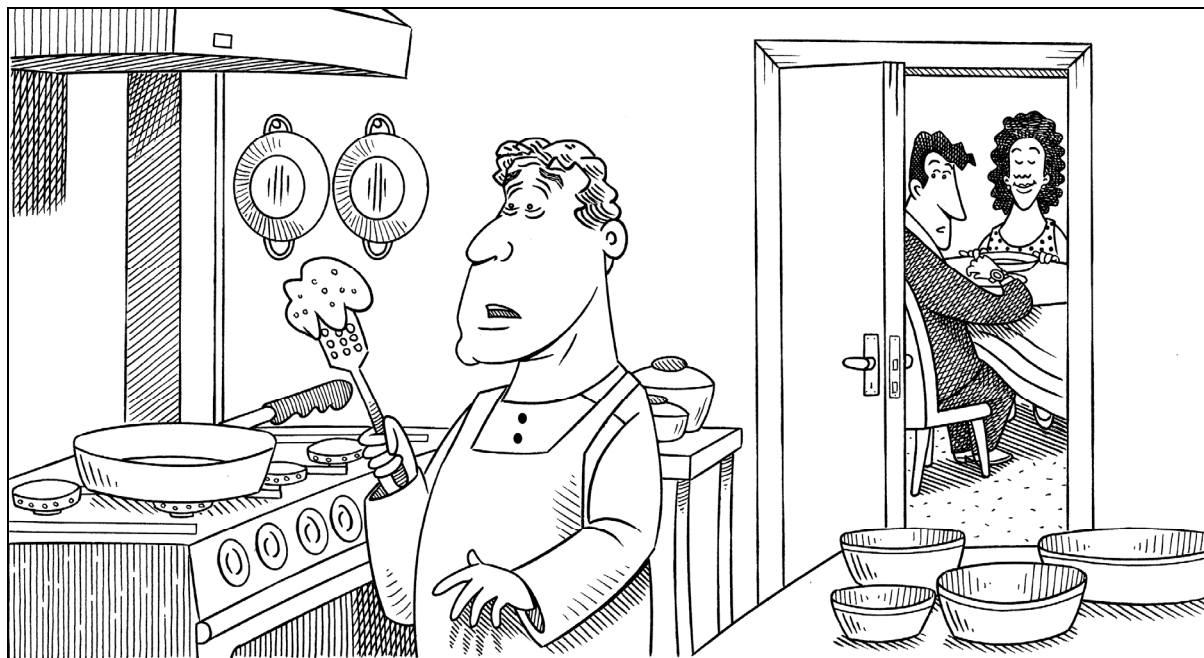
2. gotten back to the airport earlier

D

Answers will vary.

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A PAIR WORK Peter had a dinner party last night, but it didn't go exactly as planned. Look at the picture. What do you think happened?



B Listen to two people describe predicaments. Check (✓) True or False.

Peter

1. He had planned to serve sweet corn pancakes.
2. The pancakes were too flat.
3. He ordered pizza for his guests.

True False

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Pam

1. She was flying home to Houston.
2. Her connecting flight had been canceled.
3. She finally got a flight home at 10:00 P.M.

True False

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C Listen again. What should they have done? Complete the sentences.

1. Peter should have _____.
2. Pam should have _____.

D GROUP WORK Describe a recent predicament. Then ask what you should have done. Choose the best advice from the group.