

Speaking & Listening Practice

Just Forget It! Discussion – Part 1

When something unpleasant happens to you, there is always a friend or family member who advises you to 'Just forget it!' – as in, do not take any further action about the matter.

Discuss the situations below with a partner or small group and say whether you would 'just forget it' or take further action. If you would take further action, to what level would you take it? For example:

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| 1. <i>complain at the time</i> | 5. <i>start a boycott</i> |
| 2. <i>write an email</i> | 6. <i>contact the media</i> |
| 3. <i>write a letter</i> | 7. <i>organise a protest / direct action</i> |
| 4. <i>make a phone call</i> | 8. <i>seek revenge</i> |

1. You are passed over for a promotion at work – unfairly in your opinion.
2. You witness a dog owner allowing their dog to poop on the pavement, then fail to pick it up and bag it.
3. Your flight is delayed by six hours, causing inconvenience but no real extra expense.
4. You are short-changed in a bakery by ninety-five pence.
5. Your good friend does not invite you to their upcoming wedding.
6. Your nursery teacher has overlooked your very talented child for the best parts in the school play – *again* – meaning that they have to play a tree.
7. The bus fails to stop, making you twenty minutes late for work.
8. Your pizza at a nice restaurant arrives cold.
9. Your new lawnmower breaks down and needs a serious repair after using it only twice.
10. Somebody spills your pint in a nightclub – all over your partner's new white coat.
11. Somebody eats the last slice of cake from the fridge when you had reserved it.
12. Somebody backs into your car in a car park, causing minor damage.
13. A group of teenagers are laughing and eating noisily behind you at the cinema – then start shouting out what happens next.
14. You find out your partner of two years has been having an affair.
15. You ask your child to clean up the house. They do it, but really badly.
16. On a long-haul flight the person in front of you reclines their seat.
17. The police stop you on suspicion of speeding, but you are adamant that you always obey the speed limit.
18. Your father is wrongly diagnosed by his GP, which leads to his untimely death.
19. Your insurance company refuses to pay out for a damaged mobile phone, worth over £1,000.
20. Your best friend refuses to lend you his car while he's away on holiday.