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Speaking & Listening Practice

Just Forget It! Discussion – Part 3

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 buy a coffee in a trendy coffee shop but find it is lukewarm.
2. You pay £4.89 for some washing powder in a supermarket, but on the way out of the shop you notice it is on offer and should have been £3.49.
3. Your child is hit by a car driven by a guy who is high on drugs. Your child will never walk again.
4. You pay for a month of English lessons, but after the first one you are unhappy with the quality of the teaching.
5. You receive an email from your parents informing you that you were adopted.
6. Your neighbour's cat keeps fouling in your vegetable garden.
7. Your friendly neighbour's likeable son has smashed your greenhouse window with his football.
8. The local vicar refuses to let you and your fiancée get married in your local church, because you don't attend regularly enough.
9. You find a homeless man camping in the doorway of a shop that you own.
10. You are involved in a film project but your name is misspelled in the credits.
11. You phone up a talk radio station to discuss politics, but because of your views the presenter turns you into a laughing stock live on air – and later on social media.
12. Your wife orders a birthday cake from a bakery for your daughter's fifth birthday, but they deliver it two days late, making it redundant.
13. Your taxi driver punctuates a long drive with his racist thoughts.
14. Your son's secondary school headmaster fines you £60 for taking him out of school during term time for a holiday.
15. The last train home is cancelled meaning you have to book a hotel for the night.
16. Your personal trainer is consistently late for your training sessions.
17. When you have to pull out of a stag weekend in Prague due to family illness, your friend still charges you the full £900 cost of the weekend.
18. You find an earwig in a tin of beans.
19. A painter drops a paint pot on your head by accident as you walk down the road.
20. Builders began work on your new bathroom, but you haven't seen them for two months.