

RECURSO GRATIS • NIVEL PRINCIPIANTE

El mensaje sin respuesta

An A2 story about friendship, assumptions, and choosing a real conversation over worried messages.

TEXT

LISTEN

UNDERSTAND

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Get ready

Nadia sends her best friend an important message, but receives no reply. Read to discover what silence can mean - and what it does not mean.

Before you begin

How do you feel when someone does not answer your message?

Reading goal

Notice language for emotions, assumptions, and respectful communication.

THE STORY · PART 1

Seen at 8:42

On Friday evening, Nadia sent her friend Isabel a long **message**. She had received two tickets to a concert and wanted Isabel to go with her.

A few minutes later, the screen showed that Isabel had **read** it. But she did not reply.

At first, Nadia was not worried. Isabel was probably busy.

An hour passed. Nadia checked her phone again. Still nothing.

She began to make an **assumption**: perhaps Isabel was angry.

Nadia remembered a small disagreement they had had on Thursday. She had canceled their lunch because of work.

'Maybe she thinks I do not value our friendship,' Nadia thought.

She typed another text, then deleted it. She did not want to sound **impatient**.

Before bed, she saw Isabel post a photo online. Now Nadia felt **ignored**. If Isabel could post a photo, why could she not answer?

THE STORY · PART 2

A story in her head

The next morning, Nadia told her brother what had happened.

‘You do not know why she has not replied,’ he said. ‘Do not create a whole story without **evidence**.’

Nadia knew he was right, but uncertainty felt uncomfortable.

She wrote: Are you upset with me? Then she paused.

Instead, she sent a calmer message: Hi, I hope you are okay. Call me when you have time.

At noon, Isabel finally called. Her voice sounded tired.

‘I am sorry I disappeared,’ she said. ‘My mother had a medical appointment yesterday. I read your message in the waiting room, but then the doctor arrived.’

The photo had been posted automatically from an old **scheduled** draft.

Nadia felt embarrassed by all her worried thoughts. ‘I thought you were angry because I canceled lunch.’

‘I was disappointed, but I understood,’ Isabel replied. ‘I should have sent a quick response.’

THE STORY · PART 3

A better conversation

The friends talked honestly. Nadia explained that silence made her feel anxious. Isabel explained that family stress had taken all her **attention**.

‘Next time, I will not **jump to conclusions**,’ Nadia said.

‘And I can send a short message like: I am busy, but I will answer later,’ Isabel replied.

They made a simple **agreement**: if a message felt important, they would call instead of guessing.

Isabel accepted the concert invitation, and they met for coffee that afternoon.

Nadia learned that online activity does not show the full reality of a person's day.

A delayed reply can have many **explanations**. It is better to ask with kindness than to decide what someone else is thinking.

Their friendship became stronger because they discussed the misunderstanding instead of allowing it to grow.

Silence is missing information, not proof of the worst.

Words for digital communication

message	mensaje
read	leído
assumption	suposición
impatient	impaciente
ignored	ignorado/a
evidence	evidencia
scheduled	programado/a
attention	atención
jump to conclusions	sacar conclusiones apresuradas
agreement	acuerdo
explanations	explicaciones

COMPREHENSION

Check your understanding

A. Choose

1. What does Nadia invite Isabel to? a) Lunch b) A concert c) Work
2. Why does Isabel not reply? a) She is angry b) Her phone is lost c) She is at her mother's appointment
3. What was scheduled? a) A photo post b) A phone call c) The concert

B. True or false

1. Nadia immediately knows why Isabel is silent. TRUE / FALSE
2. Isabel calls on Saturday. TRUE / FALSE
3. The friends make an agreement. TRUE / FALSE

C. Answer

Why is it dangerous to jump to conclusions? What can you say when you are too busy to reply?

ANSWER KEY

Review your work

A. 1. b 2. c 3. a

B. 1. False 2. True 3. True

Suggested answer

Jumping to conclusions creates a story without enough evidence. A useful response is: I am busy right now, but I will answer later.

KEEP GOING

Practice: I hope you are okay. Call me when you have time.