

Late Again

Excuses come in many flavors. The least tasteful are those that sound something like the following:

- It's not my fault
- I'm late because
- My friend forgot to.

While it is acceptable for a person to be late for work or miss work on rare occasions, it is not acceptable for a person to be late for work or miss a day on a regular basis without a legitimate reason.

Randy worked at Westlake Hobby and Craft after school and on weekends. For the first couple of months, he was on time and missed only one day of work; that was when he had a sore throat. Then Randy began to lose interest in his job and came to work a few minutes late once in a while, but he always has a good “sounding” excuse. One time he was late because of a flat tire (actually he was visiting friends after classes). On another occasion he was caught in traffic (he really stopped by Ray’s house, stayed too long, and did get caught in traffic), and so on until his boss Mr. Mognahan called him into his office and gave him a warning. Randy was told that if he were late again in the next three weeks, how would lose his job.

Two weeks later Randy went out to his car and could not get it started. He knew he would be late again.

Directions: Answer the following question about being late”

1. Why do you think Randy began coming to work late?

2. Do you think Randy will lose his job? _____ Why? _____

3. If Randy thinks he is going to be fired, should he quit? _____
Why?

4. Have you ever had to work overtime or “cover” for someone who has late? _____
How did you feel about it? _____
