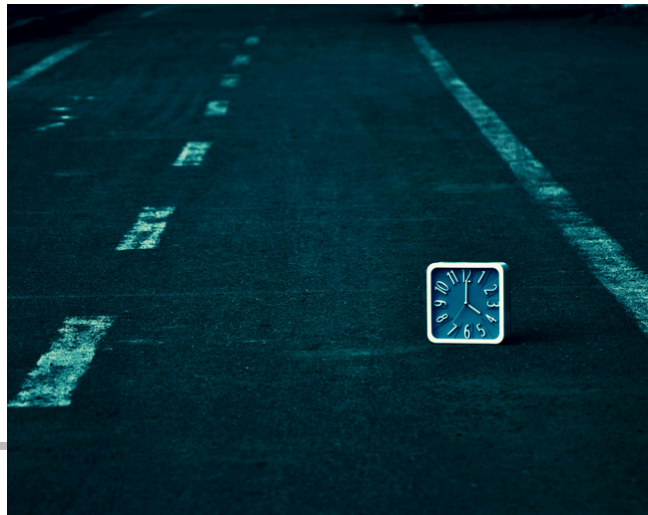


Patience & Waiting

Intermediate (B1-B2)



Part 1. Look at the situations and say which ones annoy you the most. Explain why.

- Waiting in a slow supermarket queue
- Waiting for someone who is late
- Waiting for a message reply
- Waiting for a website to load
- Waiting at the airport
- Waiting for food in a restaurant

Part 2. Choose one option in each pair and explain your choice.

Wait quietly	or	complain about it?
Check the time constantly	or	try to forget about it?
Wait alone	or	wait with someone?
Be early and wait	or	arrive exactly on time?
Stay calm	or	get restless?

Part 3. Look at the statements and say which ones feel true for you.

- When something is delayed, I become impatient quickly
- I check my phone repeatedly while waiting
- Waiting for good news is harder than waiting for bad news
- I hate being the person who makes others wait
- I get restless if I have nothing to do

Part 4. Tell a story about a time you had to wait much longer than expected.

Talk about:

- What you were waiting for
- How long it took
- How you felt while waiting
- What you did during the wait

Part 5. Look at the statements and say if you agree or disagree. Explain why.

- Waiting feels longer when you keep checking the time
- Anticipation can make something more exciting
- People today are less patient than before
- Technology has made people worse at waiting
- Some things are worth waiting for



Part 6. Look at the expressions and say when you might use them.

- **Bear with me** – be patient for a moment
- **Wait it out** – stay calm until something unpleasant finishes
- **Hold off** – delay something temporarily
- **Cool off** – calm down after feeling angry or frustrated
- **Stick with something** – continue doing something even when it is difficult

Part 7. Look at the sayings and say if you agree with them.

- A watched pot never boils
- Good things come to those who wait
- Rome wasn't built in a day

Part 8. Which situation would test your patience the most? Explain why.

- A flight delayed for six hours
- No internet for an entire day
- Waiting three months for a visa decision
- Waiting a year for a promotion
- Waiting two hours in a restaurant

REFLECTION

Complete the sentences in your own words.

1. I lose patience when...
2. Waiting is easier when...
3. One situation that always tests my patience is...
4. Something that is worth waiting for is...