

## SETTING APPOINTMENTS



#### **CONVERSATION**

Michelle: Mr. Ralph's office!

Peter: Hello. Can I speak to

Mr. Johnny Ralph?



Michelle: <u>I'm afraid he's in a meeting until lunchtime.</u> <u>Can I take a message?</u>

Peter: Well, <u>I'd like to arrange an appointment to see him</u>, please. It's Peter Parker here.

Michelle: Could you hold on for a minute, Mr. Parker? <u>I'll just look in the diary</u>. So, when's convenient for you?

Peter: Some time next week if possible. I gather he's away the following week.

Michelle: Yes, that's right. He's on holiday for a fortnight.

Peter: So, would next Wednesday be okay?

Michelle: Wednesday? Let me see. He's out of the office all morning. But he's free in the afternoon, after about three.

Peter: Three o'clock is difficult. But I could make it after four.

Michelle: So, shall we say 4:15 next Wednesday, in Mr. Ralph's office?

Peter: Yes, that sounds fine. Thank you very much!

Michelle: Ok then, bye.



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#### **USEFUL EXPRESSIONS**

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- I'll just look in the diary.
- •Three o'clock is difficult.
- So shall we say...
- That sounds fine.



#### Let's Talk

- 1. Have you tried setting an important appointment?
- 2. What do you do when your set appointment needs to be postponed because of an emergency and you don't have any available time to accommodate the postponed appointment.
- 3. Was there a situation wherein you waited very long in an appointment on its new schedule?

### **Activity**

- 1. Use the important expressions on setting an appointment. You want to set an appointment to the doctor next week. Unfortunately, the doctor's schedule is full.
- 2. You are a secretary of a lawyer. A client calls you to set an appointment for legal consultation