Someone to Ask

English · C1

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Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

The grammar · Office speak: circle back, touch base

Find it: __ / 2

1 · SEE IT

Per my last email, I was fine, I was thriving,

2 · LEARN IT

per my last email	as I already wrote (you didn't read it)	**let's circle back**	let's talk about it later
let's touch base	let's have a quick talk	**let's take this offline**	let's stop talking about it here
let's put a pin in it	let's stop for now	**with all due respect**	I'm about to disagree
thanks in advance	now this is your job	**I appreciate the pushback**	I heard you, and I won't change

3 · FIND IT

Circle every example of office speak. One line has none.

1. I gave you the elevator pitch, "Busy, but good, you know,"
2. not another meeting, not another task.
3. So I said the thing I'd edited out of every status update:

2 · Lyric Scramble

__ / 5

Number the lines 1 to 5, in song order.

- ☐ the same polished answer I'd used for months to keep up appearances,
- ☐ Turns out I'd hit a wall long before I ever felt it.
- ☐ but you didn't nod along; you just waited, and your silence
- ☐ did what no performance review had ever managed to do.
- ☐ Had you not asked me twice, I'd still be telling everyone I'm fine.

4 · Fill in the Blank

__ / 1

Use penciled.

1. I just _____ in a breakdown for a quarter I'd never reach.

Sing it together

Play the song. Everyone sings the chorus. Then two halves take turns, line by line.

My score ____ / 8

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English · C1 · Grammar: Office speak: circle back, touch base · 8 points

Grammar · Find it (2)

1 pitch 2 none 3 update

2 · Lyric Scramble (5)

the same polished answer I'd used for months to keep up appearances, 1 · Turns out I'd hit a wall long before I ever felt it. 5 · but you didn't nod along; you just waited, and your silence 2 · did what no performance review had ever managed to do. 3 · Had you not asked me twice, I'd still be telling everyone I'm fine. 4

4 · Fill in the Blank (1)

1 penciled

For the teacher

Play the song once with the lyrics. Do "See it" and "Learn it" together; students do "Find it". Students do the 4 games alone or as homework, add up their score and hand in the sheet. Each game is also in the app's Arcade.

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