



Parking Lot Mixup

TIME MANAGEMENT · RANK THE FOUR

Zoe turns the key again in the student lot, and the engine clicks while the dashboard lights stay dim. Her group had planned to meet beside the curb after school and load two display boards into her trunk. During lunch, the pickup spot changed to the far row near the chain-link fence because buses blocked the curb. One group member was absent then, so that member still expects everyone to meet at the original curb. The boards are already stacked beside Zoe's back tire, and the lot attendant is closing the orange cones near the exit. If nobody sends a clear update, the group could split up while Zoe is still dealing with the car.

Rank the four actions from first to last by what Zoe should do soonest.

- ☐ Ask the lot attendant or school office for the approved way to get help with the car.
- ☐ Send one clear message to the group explaining that the car will not start and the pickup plan changed.
- ☐ Make sure the absent group member gets the same pickup update through the adviser or group message.
- ☐ Start moving the display boards across the lot before the car problem and message problem are settled.

Recommended order:

1. Send one clear message to the group explaining that the car will not start and the pickup plan changed.
2. Make sure the absent group member gets the same pickup update through the adviser or group message.
3. Ask the lot attendant or school office for the approved way to get help with the car.
4. Start moving the display boards across the lot before the car problem and message problem are

settled.

Think about it: Which action prevents the most confusion while the car problem is still unsolved?

TEACHER NOTE

Recommended order is 2, 3, 1, 4: Zoe should send the clear group update first, make sure the absent member gets the changed pickup information, then seek approved help for the car, and move the boards last. A strong response explains that communication comes first because the plan changed and one person was not told. Moving the boards comes last because it could separate Zoe from the car without fixing either problem.

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