

DAILY ENGLISH

C04

I'm afraid I can't finish my article.

Lead-in

1. Have you ever missed an important event, appointment, etc.?
2. What kind of things make it harder for someone to attend such events?

Target Language

▼ In this lesson, we will learn:

Grammar Focus

I'm afraid + pronoun + can't + verb

Daily Expression

I'm afraid I can't finish my article.

Picture Description

▼ Tell what you see in the pictures below.



A



B



C



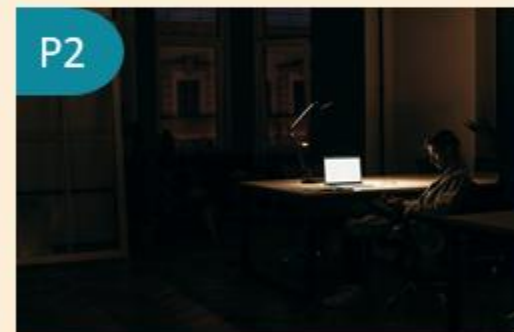
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Pronunciation and Matching

▼ Read the example sentences.

1. I'm afraid I can't finish my article.
2. I'm afraid I can't attend the class.
3. I'm afraid I can't meet you tonight.
4. I'm afraid I can't join the meeting.

▼ Match the sentences with the corresponding pictures.



Conversation

▼ Listen to the conversation.

Naoto: Is your article printed weekly in the paper?

Tom: Yes, it's in the Weekly Tribune.

Naoto: That's interesting!

Tom: But **I'm afraid I can't finish my article** this week.

Naoto: I believe you will make it, Tom.

Tom: Thanks, Naoto.

Questions:

- Where does Tom publish his article?
- How often does he publish an article?
- What makes Tom worried?

Grammar Focus

▼ Read the grammar structure.

I'm afraid + pronoun + can't + verb

I'm afraid + I + can't

finish my article.
attend the class.
meet you tonight.
join the meeting.

Grammar Check

- ▼ Using the given verb and noun, make a sentence with this structure: *I'm afraid + pronoun + can't + verb.*

1

attend

party



2

join

contest



3

finish

report



4

meet

clients



5

review

contract



Grammar Check

▼ Sort each sentence into the correct category.

*Missing a
deadline*

*Canceling an
appointment*

*Missing an
event/occasion*

1. I'm afraid I can't attend your wedding.
2. I'm afraid I can't meet you tomorrow.
3. I'm afraid I can't submit the presentation tomorrow.
4. I'm afraid I can't finish the project on time.
5. I'm afraid I can't go to your birthday party.
6. I'm afraid I can't make it to our meeting place.

Daily Scene

Your flight has been canceled, and you need to cancel your plans. Use the learned expressions and cancel the appointments.

Business Trip Schedule

Time	Appointment	Contact Person
7:00 AM	<i>Visit the main office</i>	Mr. Stone
9:00 AM	<i>Meet with branch supervisors</i>	Ms. Anderson
12:00 PM	<i>Lunch with childhood friends</i>	Charles and Dianne
2:00 PM	<i>Present the project plan</i>	Ms. Miller
7:00 PM	<i>Dinner with clients</i>	Mr. Gray

E.g. I'm afraid I can't visit the main office tomorrow.