

It's No Big Deal: 4 Natural Ways to Handle Small Problems

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

It's no big deal.

DEF

A reassuring response that says a problem is not very serious or difficult.

Use it only for genuinely small problems. If someone is deeply upset or the loss is serious, it can sound dismissive rather than comforting.

I printed the old version by mistake. It's no big deal; we can print the new one.

You are five minutes late, but it's no big deal.

2

These things happen.

DEF

A warm response that treats a small mistake or accident as understandable and avoids blame.

The phrase normalises an ordinary mistake. Add a practical next step afterwards when you want to sound supportive rather than passive.

I sent the message to the wrong group. These things happen.

These things happen. We'll send a correction now.

3

We'll figure it out.

DEF

We are confident that we can understand the problem and find a solution together.

Figure something out means solve or understand it. The pronoun we shares responsibility; use I'll figure it out when the responsibility is yours alone.

The booking system is not working, but we'll figure it out.

We do not have enough chairs, but we'll figure it out before the guests arrive.

4

Let me take care of it.

DEF

An offer to handle a problem or task yourself so the other person does not need to manage it.

Take care of something here means deal with it, not look after a person. The phrase sounds calm and confident, so use it only when you can keep the promise.

The printer needs more paper. Let me take care of it.

Someone needs to call the hotel. Let me take care of it.



5

Don't worry about it.

DEF

A friendly way to tell someone that they do not need to remain concerned about a small problem.

It can accept an apology and release the speaker from further worry. Avoid it when the concern is serious or still needs attention.

I'm sorry I moved your notes. Don't worry about it; I found them.

Don't worry about the broken label. I can replace it.

6

We can sort it out.

DEF

We can organise, repair or resolve the problem successfully.

Sort something out is a common British phrasal verb for resolving a practical problem or confusion. We creates a cooperative tone.

The timetable is wrong, but we can sort it out this afternoon.

We can sort out the seating before the guests arrive.

7

It's easily fixed.

DEF

The problem can be corrected or repaired without much difficulty.

Fixed may refer to a physical repair or correcting information, plans or arrangements. Easily reassures the listener that the solution is straightforward.

The date is wrong, but it's easily fixed.

The loose handle looks worrying, although it's easily fixed.

8

Leave it with me.

DEF

Give me responsibility for this task or problem and I will deal with it.

This concise British expression sounds reassuring and competent. It asks the other person to stop managing the issue because you are taking ownership.

The supplier has not replied yet. Leave it with me.

Leave the booking with me and I'll call the hotel.

9

No harm done.

DEF

A response meaning that a mistake caused no real damage, injury or lasting problem.

This phrase accepts an apology by focusing on the absence of consequences. Use it only when you can honestly say that nothing important was harmed.

I'm sorry I used your mug. No harm done.

The email went to me instead of Sam, but no harm done.

