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

1

instead of

DEF

In place of someone or something else.

Signals replacement, not a free choice between two options. Follow it with a noun, pronoun or -ing form.

The train will depart from platform six instead of platform four.

Today, I am taking the bus instead of driving.

2

running late

DEF

Behind the time originally planned or expected.

Used for people and services. Running describes the state of the schedule, not physical running; a delay is added to the original time.

The service is running ten minutes late.

I am running ten minutes late; please start without me.

3

depart from

DEF

To leave a particular place.

Common in travel announcements and more formal than leave. From introduces the starting place; for can introduce the destination.

The train departs from platform six.

Our flight departs from Madrid at noon.

