

Miss: One Word, Three Lives

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

1

miss a bus or event

perder un transporte / perderse un evento

DEF

To fail to catch a service, attend an event or experience something intended.

Miss a bus often means arrive too late. Miss a meeting means not attend, but lateness is not the only possible reason.

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No alcanzar un transporte, no asistir a un evento o no vivir una experiencia prevista.

Miss a bus suele implicar llegar tarde; miss a meeting indica no asistir, pero el retraso no es el único motivo posible.

I left home late and missed my train.

I left home late and missed my train. → Salí tarde de casa y perdí el tren.

I was ill, so I missed the meeting.

I was ill, so I missed the meeting. → Estaba enfermo, así que me perdí la reunión.

2

miss someone / miss doing something

echar de menos a alguien / echar de menos hacer algo

DEF

To feel the absence of a person, place or familiar experience and wish they were present again.

Use a noun or an -ing form after miss, not to plus a verb. This meaning describes a feeling rather than failing to attend.

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Sentir la ausencia de una persona, lugar o experiencia familiar y desear volver a tenerla presente.

Después de miss se usa un sustantivo o una forma en -ing, no to más verbo; este sentido expresa un sentimiento, no una falta de asistencia.

I miss my old neighbourhood.

I miss my old neighbourhood. → Echo de menos mi antiguo barrio.

She misses having lunch with her friends.

She misses having lunch with her friends. → Ella echa de menos comer con sus amigos.



3

miss a target or the point*no acertar en el blanco / no captar la idea***DEF**

To fail to hit a target or, figuratively, fail to understand the main idea.

A physical target and the main point are different kinds of aims. Miss the point is a figurative expression, not a claim that information was absent.

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No alcanzar un objetivo físico o, en sentido figurado, no entender la idea principal.

El blanco físico y la idea central son objetivos distintos; miss the point es figurado y no implica que faltara información.

The player threw the ball and missed the target.

The player threw the ball and missed the target. → El jugador lanzó la pelota y no acertó en el blanco.

You noticed the price, but you missed the point.

You noticed the price, but you missed the point. → Te fijaste en el precio, pero no captaste la idea principal.

