

Where's the Parcel? A Delivery Message Mystery | English Detective

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

1

leave something with someone

dejar algo al cuidado de alguien

DEF

To put something in another person's care for them to keep temporarily.

With identifies the person responsible for it. By identifies a nearby location and does not imply that anyone is looking after it.

ES

Entregar algo a otra persona para que lo guarde temporalmente.

With identifica a quien lo cuida; by indica un lugar cercano sin implicar que nadie se haga cargo.

We left it with your neighbour at number eighteen.

We left it with your neighbour at number eighteen. → Se lo dejamos a la persona que vive al lado, en el número dieciocho.

You can leave your key with the receptionist.

You can leave your key with the receptionist. → Puedes dejar tu llave con la persona de recepción.



2

pick something up*recoger algo*

DEF

To collect something from a place or person.

In this meaning the phrasal verb is separable. A pronoun must go in the middle: pick it up, not pick up it; people can also be collected.

ES

Ir a buscar y retirar algo de un lugar o de manos de alguien.

En este sentido es separable; el pronombre va en medio: pick it up, no pick up it; también se puede recoger a personas.

Please pick up your parcel.

Please pick up your parcel. → Por favor, recoge tu paquete.

Could you pick me up after work?

Could you pick me up after work? → ¿Podrías recogerme después del trabajo?

3

before a time*antes de una hora concreta*

DEF

Earlier than a specified time.

It sets an upper time boundary: before eight means earlier than eight. Do not confuse it with after or assume that eight thirty is acceptable.

ES

En un momento anterior a una hora determinada del día.

Fija un límite: before eight significa antes de las ocho; no lo confundas con after ni supongas que las ocho y media es válido.

Please pick it up before eight this evening.

Please pick it up before eight this evening. → Por favor, recógelo antes de las ocho de esta tarde.

The laptop is ready; collect it before six today.

The laptop is ready; collect it before six today. → El portátil está listo; recógelo hoy antes de las seis.

