

PRACTICAL ENGLISH FOR PROFESSIONALS

LESSON 3 ANSWERS

Think like a true native to translate these sentences. Try to follow our advice (in brackets).

- 1. Do you know if the Purchasing Manager has already left for the airport? They've phoned to say that he didn't need to go as the flight had been cancelled.**

¿Sabes si el Director de Compras ha salido ya hacia el aeropuerto? Han llamado diciendo que no era necesario que fuera ya que el vuelo se había cancelado. (Use the word didn't, and use the past perfect "had+past participle")

- 2. I needn't have woken up so early today! I'm on the afternoon shift.**

¡No era necesario que me despertara tan pronto hoy! Tengo turno de tarde. (Use not in its contracted "n't" form)

- 3. You have to learn the ropes when dealing with new people.**

Hay que pillarle el truco al tratar con gente nueva. (Use an idiom with the word "rope" in it)

- 4. We would have missed the plane, but for the driver.**

Hubiésemos perdido el avión si no hubiese sido por el chófer. (Don't use "if")

We'll post the answers in two days, but remember.....

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 - ✓ Correct use of verb tenses.
 - ✓ Modal verbs.
 - ✓ Word order.
 - ✓ Correction of language that would sound strange to a native speaker.
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- You can tell us your English level and we'll post material that is challenging.
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