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Telephone: Messages

Useful Phrases

Can I speak to ..., please?

I'm afraid he's in a meeting

Can I help?

Can you call back later?

Can I take a message?

Could you tell him that...

Can I take your number, please?

OK, I'll make sure he gets the message

Transcript

Claire: Hello, finance department.

Jennifer: Hello, can I speak to Adrian Hopwood, please?

Claire: I'm afraid he's in a meeting at the moment. Can I help?

Jennifer: No, I need to talk to Mr Hopwood, I think. What time will he be out of the

meeting?

Claire: In about an hour. Can you call back later?

Jennifer: Okay, I'll do that.

Claire: Or can I take a message?

Jennifer: Actually, would you mind? Could you tell him that Jennifer McAndrews

called and that I'm in the office all day if he could call me back.

Claire: Can I take your number, please?

Jennifer: Yes, it's 5556872

Claire: 5556872. Okay, I'll make sure he gets the message.

Jennifer: Thanks very much for your help, bye!

Claire: Goodbye!