

Mr Gray was on holiday in France. He was staying in an expensive hotel but it was not a good hotel. The meals were very small. One day he sat down to dinner. His plate looked wet. He held it up to the waiter and said, "This plate is wet. Please bring me another."
"That's your soup," replied the waiter.

meal: food
plate: dish
wet: not dry
hold, held, held: have in one's hand
reply: answer



At last the visitor had to say something about the food.

"I don't like this apple pie, Mrs Good," he said.

„Oh, don't you?“ said the angry landlady. "I was making apple pies before you were born."
"Perhaps this is one of them."

visitor: guest
food: meal

angry: furious
landlady (m: landlord): innkeeper

"My boyfriend is wonderful," said Betty.

"He is rather nice, I must say," said Lucy.

"He tells everyone that he is going to marry the most beautiful girl in the world," said Betty.

"I am so sorry," said Lucy. "Perhaps he will change his mind and marry you after all."

rather: fairly

change his mind: adopt a new opinion

marry: become husband and wife
after all: finally

He gave her a very nice ring, and she wore it to the office the next day. Nobody noticed it. She moved her hand this way and that way, and still none of the other girls in the office noticed the ring. At last, in the tea break when they were all sitting round, she suddenly stood up.

"It's very hot in here," she said. "I think I'll take off my ring."

wear, wore, worn: be clothed in
notice: see
move: be in motion

tea break: rest
take off: undress

Mixed-up:

..... "Doctor, my child has just swallowed
...1... On the telephone:
..... my ballpoint pen."
..... until you arrive, doctor?"
..... "What can I do
..... "Use a pencil."
..... "I'll come at once."

swallow: eat
ballpoint pen: ink writer
at once: immediately
until: till
use: work with

Mixed-up:

..... "How much do you charge to go to the Edison hotel?"
..... "And how much
...1.. Andy Macgregor from Scotland
..... he asks a taxi driver.
..... has arrived at New York airport.
..... "Sixty-five dollars," replies the driver.
..... do you charge for my bag?"
..... for the baggage."
..... I'll walk," says Andy.
..... "All right. Take my bag.
..... "There is no charge

charge: ask price
bag: suitcase
baggage: luggage