

Unit 2 WNYN Lexicals: Script Application

...using reported speech

Note how each sentence provides background information (when necessary) so that the listener can understand fully. Often this is accomplished with a variation of the tool “When X told Y that...Y told X that” Notes in parentheses are for your better understanding of past perfect tense. The principle: We use past perfect if there are two events in the past, and the older past event explains or influences the more recent past event.)

go ahead

When Margaret told Grace that David hadn't come in yet, Grace said that they would go ahead (with the meeting) without David. (*Related past events: David didn't come in, Grace said go ahead*)

not much good to smn

When Margaret told Grace that someone had promised the news department would have the complete viewer survey report in a couple of weeks, Grace replied that the reports weren't much good to them if they didn't get them promptly. (*Related past events: promised the report in two weeks, Grace complained*)

get started

After she heard about the viewer survey report, Grace told the others that they would get started (with the meeting).

go over

Grace told the others that she wanted to go over plans for their special features that month.

first of all

When Grace asked Marsha what she had to report about special features for that month, Marsha replied that, first of all, there was the special on space exploration.

so far

Grace asked Marsha how much she had done on the special on space exploration so far, and Marsha answered that she had done quite a bit. (*Related past events: Marsha did work on the special, Marsha told how much*)

manage to, get in touch with

Marsha told Grace that she had finally managed to get in touch with Professor Daniels. (*Related past events: managed to get in touch, meeting discussion. ...managed to get in touch with Prof. D before they discussed it at the meeting.*)

the adj-est smn has ever done

When Marsha asked Grace and Margaret what the Denver Project was, Grace told her that Bob wanted to talk with her about that himself, but then she told her it was going to be the biggest and most important assignment she had ever had at WNYN. (*Related past events: had assignments, meeting discussion*)

be all set

Grace asked the others if they were all set for that Friday's program on the airline strike.

time for, get together

When Margaret told Grace that it was time for her appointment, she told the others that they would get together again that Thursday.

get tied up

When Marsha reminded David that he missed the meeting, David replied that he had gotten tied up that morning. (*got tied up, missed the meeting*)

might as well, set things up

David explained to Marsha that he had been passing by the hospital and thought he might as well stop in and set things up for that Tuesday. (*passing by, decided to stop in*)

come up with

When Marsha asked what made him set things up for that Tuesday, David told her that he thought she would like the story angle he came up with. (*Setting things up didn't influence coming up with the angle.*)