

Calling in Sick

Pre-reading



Questions:

- When have you called in sick to work?

Definitions:

- Wake – to stop sleeping
- Fever – a body temperature higher than 98.6 degrees
- Ache – to have dull pain
- Return – to go back

Reading

An alarm clock wakes Lynn. She gets out of bed and gets ready for work.

16 She puts on her clothes and combs her hair. Then she lies down on the couch.

32 Lynn does not feel well. She has a fever. Her body aches. She is sick. What
48 should she do?

51 First, Lynn must call her boss. She calls and says, “Hi, Mr. Clark. This is
67 Lynn. I am sick today. I will not be able to work.”

78 “I’m sorry to hear that, Lynn. Thank you for calling. I hope you feel better
93 soon. Let me know when you will return to work,” says Mr. Clark.

106 “OK, I’ll call you when I am better,” says Lynn.

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Understanding

1. What wakes Lynn? _____

2. Lynn gets ready for what? _____

3. Where does Lynn lie down? _____

4. Lynn does not feel _____. Her body _____.
5. Who does Lynn call? Why? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about a time you called in sick to work. Who did you call? How long were you gone from work?
