



# Messages: Excuse notes

1 Five pupils were absent from school yesterday. Complete their excuse notes with the right verb. Use the past simple. (There is one extra verb.)

1 Jason was absent yesterday because he ....*went*.... to his aunt's wedding.

2 *Jenny was off school yesterday because she ..... the school bus.*

be break  
buy fall go  
have lose  
miss

3 I am sorry that Euan was not at school. He ..... ill.

4 I am sorry that Dominic was absent yesterday. He ..... diarrhoea.

5 **Rebecca was off because she ..... and ..... her arm.**

2 Johnny was absent every day last week! What were his excuses? Follow the letters and find the sentences.

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H	I	S	H	A
D	E	R	E	M
I	D	T	S	

*His hamster died.*

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H	I	S	F	
E	H	T	O	
H	U	R	O	T

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H	E	L	O	
S	Y	S	I	S
E	K	H	T	

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H	E	H	C	H
T	D	A	A	E
O	O	T	H	

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5

H	C	A			
I	I	R	F	A	
S	F	R	O	M	
U	D	E	V	I	R
N	C	L	E	A	R

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3 Look at the pictures and complete the Absence Record.



Alice Smith



Dean Armstrong



Richard Short



Kylie Preston

**Absence Record**

**St John's High School**

<b>Pupil</b>	<b>Reason for absence</b>
<i>Alice Smith</i>	_____
<i>Dean Armstrong</i>	_____
<i>Richard Short</i>	_____
<i>Kylie Preston</i>	_____

4 You didn't go to school last week – you went to the park! Invent two excuses and write your mum or dad's name!

Your excuses can be sensible or funny.

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