

NEAR MISSES

(Level B1 – 30 minutes)

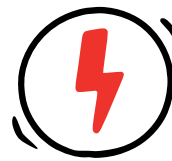
WORKSHEET



Find the text **Near Misses** on Love2Teach:
<https://www.klett-sprachen.de/downloads/34829/near-misses/pdf>

Read the text **Near Misses** and answer the questions:

1. a What do we typically say or think when we've had a near miss?
 b What should we also think?
 c How is a near miss an opportunity?
2. a Explain the 'accident triangle'.
 b What should we learn from it?
3. a What is a 'no blame' culture in a workplace?
 b What are the aims of a 'no blame' culture? Choose the right word.
 1 To increase / reduce the number of accidents.
 2 To increase / reduce the seriousness of accidents.
 3 To increase / reduce safety.
 4 To increase / reduce risk.
 5 To increase / reduce shared responsibility.
 c What sort of industries need a 'no blame' culture? Why?
 d Does / Did your employer have a 'no blame' culture?
4. a What would you do about a banana skin on the supermarket floor?
 b The 'accident triangle' starts with 'unsafe acts'. How could these 'unsafe acts' be the starting point for something more serious?
 1 Someone stands on a chair to open a window.
 2 Someone tries to open a bottle of beer with a knife.
 3 Someone smokes in the toilets.



Key

- 1 a Thank God! / It could have been so much worse!
 b What can be learned from this?
 c It's a chance to learn.
- 2 a There's a connection between near misses, minor accidents and more serious accidents.
 b That if we learn from near misses, we can prevent more serious accidents.
- 3 a It encourages people to report problems, without fear.
 b 1 reduce, 2 reduce, 3 increase, 4 reduce, 5 increase
 c High-risk industries e.g. aviation, healthcare, nuclear power and rail transport.
 Because the consequences / effects of an accident would be so bad / catastrophic.
- 4 a Leave it on the floor / Pick it up and put it somewhere safe / Tell a shop assistant / Report it to the shop manager.
 b 1 risk of falling (out of the window), 2 risk of injury (to self and others),
 3 risk of fire / smoke alarm and panic.