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MEETINGS & STATUS UPDATES

DIALOG · 4 MIN.

Explaining Why a Green Dashboard Hides a Serious Problem

· Podcast

All metrics green — and yet there is a fire: how to explain in English why the dashboard hides the truth.

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BRICK 1 · LEARN THE KEY PHRASES

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Read the eight phrases with meaning and example. You will hear all of them in the episode.

ENGLISH	DEUTSCH	EXAMPLE
dashboard	Kennzahlen-Übersicht, Dashboard	<i>The dashboard shows all releases at a glance.</i>
metric	Kennzahl, Messgröße	<i>Closed tickets per week is our main metric.</i>
defect	Fehler, Mangel (in Software oder Produkten)	<i>The release was delayed by two critical defects.</i>
to cover	abdecken (z. B. durch Tests)	<i>Our tests do not cover the new interface version yet.</i>
audit	Audit, (Zertifizierungs-)Prüfung	<i>The certification audit takes place every March.</i>
possibly	eventuell, möglicherweise – die richtige Übersetzung von „eventuell“	<i>We could possibly need external support for the migration.</i>
eventually	schließlich, irgendwann (sicher eintretend) – NICHT „eventuell“	<i>After three rounds of talks, they eventually signed the contract.</i>
to flag	auf ein Problem aufmerksam machen, markieren	<i>Please flag any risk before the steering meeting.</i>



BRICK 2 · FILL THE GAPS



Complete the missing word from the conversation.

possibly

eventually

actually

finally

flagging

marking

waving

lighting

01 We could _____ fail the audit.

02 Thank you for _____ this before it turned into a real fire.

BRICK 3 · TRUE OR FALSE?



Tick one. T = true, F = false.

01 About a third of the closed tickets came back as new defects within two weeks.

T ☐ F ☐

02 Julia is certain that the company will fail the audit in March.

T ☐ F ☐

BRICK 4 · ORDER



Number the steps of the conversation (1–5).

01 ☐ Frank approves a new metric and a sprint for the payment tests

02 ☐ Julia explains that a third of closed tickets return as defects

03 ☐ The "eventually / eventuell" misunderstanding is cleared up

04 ☐ Frank asks why Julia requested a meeting despite the green dashboard

05 ☐ Julia describes the untested new payment interface

BRICK 5 · YOUR VERSION



Write two sentences of your own using phrases from Brick 1.

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MINI-CHECK – CAN I DO THIS YET?

☐ I can announce a delay politely.

☐ I can propose an alternative.

☐ I can promise written confirmation.

Listened twice and ticked everything? Then you are ready for the real conversation.



Cut-out flashcards

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to flag

Please flag any risk before the steering meeting.

auf ein Problem aufmerksam machen, markieren

Answer key

Check only when you have finished. Every answer comes with the **why**.

BRICK 2 · FILL THE GAPS

01 **possibly**

False friend! "Eventuell" means "possibly". "Eventually" means "in the end, for certain at some point" — a completely different risk.

02 **flagging**

"To flag a problem" means making a problem visible early — the standard phrase for proactive risk communication.

BRICK 3 · TRUE OR FALSE?

01 **True**

True — almost a third of the tickets came back within two weeks as new defects; the dashboard only counts the closing.

02 **False**

False — she means "possibly": "We could possibly fail the audit." Her accidental "eventually" would have meant certainty.

BRICK 4 · ORDER

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03 **3.** Julia describes the untested new payment interface

04 **4.** The "eventually / eventuell" misunderstanding is cleared up

05 **5.** Frank approves a new metric and a sprint for the payment tests

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