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DIALOG · 4 MIN.

The Call That Will "Eventually" Happen—But Not Perhaps Today · *Podcast*

Two colleagues keep missing each other — they finally pin down a time. With a backup plan and the false friend "eventually".

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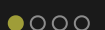
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BRICK 1 · LEARN THE KEY PHRASES



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

ENGLISH	DEUTSCH	EXAMPLE
once and for all	ein für alle Mal / endgültig	<i>Let's solve this scheduling problem once and for all.</i>
back-to-back meetings	Termine ohne Pause / aneinandergereihte Besprechungen	<i>I can't talk now — I have back-to-back meetings all afternoon.</i>
eventually	schließlich / irgendwann (sicher, nur noch nicht)	<i>After weeks of delays, the report was eventually finished.</i>
to trip someone up	jemanden stolpern lassen / hereinlegen	<i>The irregular verb forms always trip me up in interviews.</i>
backup plan	Ersatzplan / Plan B	<i>If the flight is cancelled, what's our backup plan?</i>
to run late	sich verspäten / länger dauern	<i>The meeting is running late, so we'll start the call at half past.</i>
calendar invite	Kalendereinladung	<i>I'll send you a calendar invite so we don't forget the call.</i>
to wrap something up	etwas abschließen / zu Ende bringen	<i>Let's wrap up the discussion and agree on next steps.</i>



BRICK 2 · FILL THE GAPS



Complete the missing word from the conversation.

possibly

eventually

finally

definitely

message

letter

fax

parcel

01 What I mean is: _____ Friday — it depends on my workshop.

02 If it runs late, I'll send you a quick _____ by four o'clock at the latest

BRICK 3 · TRUE OR FALSE?



Tick one. T = true, F = false.

01 Friday is guaranteed for the call.

T ☐ F ☐

02 The backup plan is Monday morning.

T ☐ F ☐

BRICK 4 · ORDER



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

01 ☐ They set Monday morning as the backup and plan a calendar invite

02 ☐ Elena mixes up eventually and eventuell

03 ☐ They agree on Friday at three fifteen as the main plan

04 ☐ Jonas suggests fixing a time once and for all

05 ☐ Jonas explains the difference between eventually and possibly

BRICK 5 · YOUR VERSION



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

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

× Cut out, fold on the line – English in front, German on the back. Or practise digitally:

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once and for all

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ein für alle Mal / endgültig

back-to-back meetings

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Besprechungen

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backup plan

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Ersatzplan / Plan B

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calendar invite

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Kalendereinladung

to wrap something up

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etwas abschließen / zu Ende bringen

Answer key

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

BRICK 2 · FILL THE GAPS

01 **possibly**

False friend: German "eventuell" is "possibly" (or "perhaps"/"maybe") in English. "Eventually" means "in the end" — something certain that simply has not happened yet.

02 **message**

The transcript says: "I'll send you a quick message by four o'clock at the latest" — a short message signalling the plan is slipping.

BRICK 3 · TRUE OR FALSE?

01 **False**

False — Elena says Friday is not guaranteed, it is a maybe; she puts the probability at eighty per cent.

02 **True**

True — if the workshop runs late, the call moves to Monday morning.

BRICK 4 · ORDER

- 01 **1.** Jonas suggests fixing a time once and for all
- 02 **2.** Elena mixes up eventually and eventuell
- 03 **3.** Jonas explains the difference between eventually and possibly
- 04 **4.** They agree on Friday at three fifteen as the main plan
- 05 **5.** They set Monday morning as the backup and plan a calendar invite

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