

Tekst 2

- 1p 2 Waarom gebruikt de schrijfster "Unfortunately" aan het eind van haar ingezonden brief?

I'm on the bus

Sir,

Last Thursday I was seated directly in front of a young woman who made half a dozen phone calls during the 30-minute bus journey from Putney to Knightsbridge and appeared to be called Mary. She started the first few calls by mentioning that she and her husband were not, in fact, going to Gloucestershire this weekend, and that they would, therefore, be at home in London.

She proceeded to arrange for an electrician to come to replace some light fittings on Saturday morning and for her daughter to be transported to a party in the afternoon; she then invited her father to come to stay overnight and for friends to join the family for lunch on Sunday (pasta, she thought - although I detected that Daddy might have preferred something more traditional). Clearly determined not to waste a moment of this unexpected weekend in town, she lined up two for bridge on Sunday evening. On the final call, Mary followed up her opening remark about the cancelled trip to Gloucestershire by saying that she didn't, as yet, have any idea what she and the family had planned for the weekend.

Unfortunately, I could have reminded her.

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