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#### A. What happened to the customer. Choose the right option:

- 1. The customer waited for a long time to draw some money, for the ATM stopped working.
- 2. The customer didn't get the money, because the technician didn't fix the ATM.
- 3. She couldn't draw the money because the electricity went off.



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### B. Choose the right option. The customer went to the bank clerk to:

- 1. To make request.
- 2. To ask for clarification.
- 3. To make complaint.



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### C. The customer complained about two problems . What are they?

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- 2. She waited half an a hour.



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#### D. What did she say to express her complaint.

- 1. The ATM machine stopped working.
- 2. She waited half an a hour.

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### Fill in the table with the right expressions:

- 1. I'm sorry to say this, but I waited half an hour.
- 2. I'm sorry, we promise not to do the same mistake
- 3. I'm afraid there is a slight problem with the ATM machine.
- 4. Sorry, there is nothing we can do about it
- 5. I do express my apology.
- 6. I want to complain about the ATM.
- 7. I do apologize.

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#### **Exercise:**

#### What would you say in these situations

**Situation 1:** You bought a new book from a bookshop. When you returned home found that some pages were missing. (Complain to the owner of the bookshop.)

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