

# Teaching Pragmatics



## Video Transcript

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### Employee politely refuses manager's request to work on his day off – Scene 04B

- Manager:** Joe!
- Joe:** Yes, Mr. Eskam, what can I do for you?
- Manager:** Natalie just let me know that she can't work tomorrow, and I was wondering if there's any way you can come in and help out.
- Joe:** Uhm... You know, I'd love to come in and help out... Uh...Unfortunately tomorrow is my grandmother's ninetieth birthday that I need to be at in the evening.
- Manager:** Ok. Well... Thanks, anyway...
- Joe:** Uhm... I know that Sam's working in the daytime. Is there any way that I could cover Sam's shift, and maybe she can work in the dinner with you?
- Manager:** I'm pretty sure she told me she had to work tomorrow night, but thanks anyway. You did what you could.
- Joe:** Uhm...
- Manager:** I appreciate it.
- Joe:** I'm really sorry, I understand.
- Manager:** Alright.