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mike the caller You've got to do something **about** Mike, Toni. He's called you fifteen times **in** the last two days. You have to tell him that you don't think the two of you are **working out**. — I know. I haven't **brought it up** yet but I'm **working up to** it. — You know **the longer** you put it **off** the worse he's going to feel when you finally tell him. — I know that. I'm quite **capable of dealing with** difficult problems in a sensitive **mature way**.

ron's freeloaders The next night, I was just **settling in** for some frozen pizza when Ron **showed up** with three people **I'd never seen** before. I didn't want to look like a bad **host**, so I **let them have** some beer and pizza. Now, I didn't know who **these people were** so I asked Ron **about** them, and **it turned out** he didn't know them too well, **either**. Apparently, he **used to** work with a couple of them. I **gave him a dirty look** to show my **disapproval**, but Ron's **such a moron** I had to **underscore my point** with a **smack** to the back of the head.