

The Final Conversation  
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Today 3:45 PM

Hey, just wondering if you wanted to meet me for dinner tonight?

Ya sure, what time and where?

Let's meet at the high school parking lot at 7:00 and decide from there?

That sounds great, see you then.

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Today 6:00 PM

Are we still good for tonight?

Yes, for sure!

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Today 6:45 PM

I am leaving in 5 minutes, see you soon!

I will leave soon as well! Be careful,  
the roads aren't very good, super slick.

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Today 6:55 PM

I am here in the back parking lot.

Ok, I am 10 minutes away, I got sidetracked  
before leaving. I am rushing to get there.

Alright, no worries.

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Today 7:10 PM

Just wondering when you will be here, I am waiting.

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Today 7:20 PM

I am still waiting, where are you?

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Today 7:30 PM

Are you okay, I am getting worried.

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Today 7:40 PM

Seriously are you okay? Did you get into an accident?

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Today 8:00 PM

Hi, this is the paramedic responding to the accident, just letting you know that your friend is in the hospital and is in critical condition. He slid off the road and hit a tree, By the looks of it he was on his phone and slid off the road avoiding another car.

Oh my god, will he be ok?

We are not sure, he is on route to the hospital right now.

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This is the final conversation between two friends; they were planning on going out to dinner that night. The friend that got into the accident unfortunately passed away in the hospital

due to the injuries he sustained in the crash. The weather was not very good that night, it was cold, right below freezing, along with the added rain, the roads turned into a sheet of ice. While on his way, he texted the other, "Ok, I am 10 minutes away, I got sidetracked before leaving. I am rushing to get there." Right after, he didn't see the car ahead of them slowing down to make a turn, quickly after looking up from his phone, swerving to try and avoid an accident, slid off the road at high speeds and hit a tree, totaling the car. This left him in critical condition, fighting for his life. He was less than 10 minutes away from arriving at the high school, so was it worth telling them that they were 10 minutes away? Next time you think about texting and driving, really ask yourself, is it worth it? Is it really that urgent? Do you want to Arrive Alive?