**WHY DIDN'T CALL US?**  
   
Laurance- When did you get here?  
   
Soony- Just a few minutes ago.  
   
Ikea- We've been waiting for almost an hour.  
   
Soony- I'm sorry, but I had car trouble--a flat tire.  
   
Laurance- Oh. That's too bad. Couldn't you have telephoned?  
   
Soony- I was going to, but I didn't have any change for a pay phone.  
   
Ikea- You could have gotten some change in a store.  
   
Soony- Not really. The tire went flat out on the edge of town. There wasn't any place to call from.  
   
Ikea- WelL at least you're here now. No need to wait any longer. So let's get started!  
   
**注解:**  
a flat tire:轮胎瘪了  
Could you have telephoned?此句用虚拟语气,有"你该做而没有做"的责备之意.  
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a pay phone:公用电话.公用电话是收费的,所以也称a pay phone.  
went flat=became flat,went 在这里是系动词.  
get started(口语)=begin work