**Tardiness**

**Albert L. Furth, former editor of Fortune, used to explain his lateness in answering his correspondence by remarking, “Every six months my secretary comes in and turns the compost on my desk.” *(Bill Copeland, in Sarasota, Florida, Journal)***

**There is a clock tower in the center of Dubrovnik, Yugoslavia, that strikes not only on the hour but also at three minutes after -- for those who are always late. *(Cissie King, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Scolded by his boss for being late to work all the time, the employee explained, “Boss, you’ve drilled me so thoroughly about never watching the clock here at the office that I’ve lost the habit at home. *(George Fuermann, in Houston Post)***

**It is never too late to be what you might have been. *(George Eliot)***

**“I’m not really late,” said the office worker as she hung up her coat. “I just took my coffee break before coming in.” *(Quoted in Grit)***

**When asked why she was late to class, a kindergarten girl handed her teacher a geranium and said, “Sometimes I just have to wait for them to bloom.” *(Betty R. Maruna, in Reader’s Digest)***

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