

WRITING

How To: Make a Phone Call

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1. Rehearse in your head.
2. Say it out loud for good measure.
3. Screw that. What if you forget? Write a script.
4. Dial. Feel your heartbeat quicken with every number punched.
5. Press the green button. You can do it. Deep breaths.
6. Panic as it rings. What if they don't pick up?! Do you leave a message? You didn't write a script for that! You aren't prepared for this! Abort! Abort! Hang up!
7. They answered. Stammer out your speech. Is that an I or a T? An S or a 5? Curse your bad handwriting.
8. Try to ignore the squeaking of your voice.
9. Thank the person profusely for their time.
10. Not that much! They didn't deliver your baby!

11. Press End Call.

12. Steady shaky hands.

13. Spend twenty minutes imagining all the ways the person could be mocking you right now.