

**Hi! This is John. If you are the phone company, I've already sent the money. If you are my parents, please send money. If you are my bank, you didn't lend me enough money. If you are my friends, you owe me money. If you are a nice girl, don't worry, I have plenty of money.**

This is not an answering machine -- this is a telepathic thought-recording device. After the tone, think about your name, your reason for calling, and a number where I can reach you, and I'll think about returning your call.



**Hi! Now you say something.**

**Hi! John's answering machine is broken. This is his refrigerator. Please speak very slowly and I'll stick your message to myself with one of these magnets.**

**Hi, this is Jim. Welcome to my Fun Phone Line, where you can talk to my answering machine for only £ 9.50 per minute! Please leave your credit card number at the tone...**

**Broken Arrow no in teepee now. You leave message after little smoke signal, and you get answer from Broken Arrow real fast.**

**Yes, you have reached the number you have dialed. Please leave a message after the beep.**

**Hi! I'm not at home right now but my answering machine is, so you can talk to it instead. Wait for the beep.**

Hello. I am David's answering machine. What are you?

**Hi! I'm probably home, I'm just avoiding someone I don't like. Leave me a message and if I don't call back, it's you.**

Hi! This is George. I'm sorry I can't answer the phone right now. Leave a message and then wait by your phone until I call you back.

**avoid:** vermeiden, ausweichen  
**beep:** Piep(sen)  
**broken:** defekt  
**burglar:** Einbrecher  
**device:** Apparat  
**dial:** wählen  
**don't worry:** keine Sorge  
**instead:** anstatt  
**lend:** ausleihen  
**message:** Nachricht  
**owe:** schulden  
**plenty of:** genügend  
**probably:** wahrscheinlich  
**reach:** erreichen  
**reason:** Grund  
**refrigerator (fridge):** Kühlschrank  
**stick:** stecken, kleben, befestigen  
**weapon:** Waffe