

The Other End of a Conversation

by Anne Sloan

Hello.

There is no one here by that name.

My name is Anne. I'm sorry but you have the wrong number.

Well, the information line gave you the wrong number. This is a private residence.

No, I don't know anyone or any company by that name.

I've lived here for four years now.

Well if someone else had this number before me they are not here now.

I don't know why the phone company would give that number to me.

No, there would not be two different places with the same number.

I suppose it would help if you called your phone company and told the person the name of the company you're trying to reach.

When you called the first time you probably wrote the number down wrong.

This time it would be a good idea to write it down

Maybe you should get a pencil and paper before you call again.

No, I don't have access to a phone book.

No, it wouldn't do any good to call me back after I looked up a number for you. I don't have a phone book.

Well, I don't need a phone book. I can look up phone numbers on my computer.

Do you know someone with a computer who could help you?

I'm sorry, I am late now for an appointment, I don't have time to look it up for you.

I don't believe I am familiar with that company.

Are you sure you have the right name?

That may be a new company and it wouldn't be listed in a phone book yet—or even on the net.

I couldn't tell you where that place is located. I've never heard of it.

If you have an address I would go there and check it out.

If you've sent them a check, you must have an address.

If you thought it was a fly-by-night outfit you should have checked it out before you sent a check.

I suppose you could put a stop payment on it.

How long has it been since you sent it?

I would call the bank and see if it has been cashed.

I wouldn't know how much your bank would charge to stop payment. I think they're all different.

Yes I had to stop payment on a check a couple of times. I don't remember what they charged; it's been a long time.

Sorry, I must really hang up now. I have to leave.

No. I would prefer that you not call me again.

You're welcome.

I'm afraid I haven't been much help. Good Luck. Good Bye.