

Business English Phrases for Delays

What would you say?

A client places a big order late in the afternoon and wants everything ready by tomorrow. Your manager asks how quickly your team can get it done.

STRETCHED THIN

We're already stretched thin. Getting all of that ready by tomorrow's going to be tough.

BACKLOG

We can start on it now, but we've already got a backlog from this morning.

FALL BEHIND

Not unless we start on it right now, and if we do, we're going to fall behind on everything else.

BEHIND SCHEDULE

We're already behind schedule as it is. I wouldn't promise tomorrow.

CATCH UP

Not by tomorrow. We're still catching up on the orders from earlier today.

DELAYED

The other orders will be delayed.

TURNAROUND (TIME)

What's the turnaround on an order like this? - Usually, a couple of days.

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