

B1 ENGLISH

CHAPTER 5 Practice 4

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Robert and Mei meet in episode 10. Do you think they'll get along?

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–f) with the vocabulary (1–6).

Vocabulary

Definition

- | | |
|--------------------------|--|
| 1. to complain | a. something you hold in your hand to control a TV, DVD player, the heating, etc. |
| 2. a remote | b. to have a clear and direct view of a place |
| 3. a front desk | c. an informal Scottish word for 'little' |
| 4. to look out onto | d. to say that something is not right and you are not happy about it |
| 5. room service | e. a hotel service where someone brings food and drink to the guest's room |
| 6. wee | f. an area near the entrance to a hotel, where people check in and get information |

Tasks

Task 1

Are the sentences true or false?

- | | Answer | |
|---|---------------|-------|
| 1. Robert thinks hotel guests like to complain about things. | True | False |
| 2. The guest's room was too cold at night. | True | False |
| 3. The hotel rooms have a remote control for setting the temperature. | True | False |
| 4. The guest's room is too noisy because of the traffic outside. | True | False |
| 5. Robert thinks he will get no complaints from guests in Brazil. | True | False |
| 6. Milton says that he has another lesson that evening. | True | False |
| 7. Mei says that she doesn't want to go to the pub. | True | False |
| 8. Robert doesn't really like Mei when he meets her. | True | False |

Task 2

Circle the best answer.

1. According to Robert, what do guests usually talk about when they leave the hotel?
 - a. the weather
 - b. the fantastic things about the hotel
 - c. the one thing that went wrong
2. Before he complained to Robert, who else did the man tell about the problem with the temperature in the room?
 - a. the hotel manager
 - b. the room service waiter
 - c. the technician
3. What can be seen from the window of the guest's room?
 - a. a park
 - b. a busy street
 - c. a beach
4. Where did Robert meet Milton's neighbour, Mei?
 - a. at the pub
 - b. at the hotel
 - c. on the stairs
5. What does Mei suggest that they could do together?
 - a. have a pizza
 - b. learn English
 - c. go for a walk
6. Who is Callum?
 - a. Robert's father
 - b. Robert's nephew
 - c. Robert's brother

Discussion

How did you meet one of your friends?

Transcript

Robert: Hello again, Jessie – your poor brother here. Aargh! What a day. You know, sometimes I think the hotel business is the worst in the world. People complain, complain, complain. Maybe there were a hundred things that were fantastic and one thing that went wrong – and what do the guests talk about when they leave? Yes, the one thing that went wrong.

Guest: I've never had such a bad night's sleep! The room was far too hot! Far too hot to sleep.

Robert: I'm sorry about that, sir. What is your room number?

Guest: 609.

Robert: You can adjust the heat by hand, sir. There is a control – a remote – on the table next to the window.

Guest: Well, I didn't know about that.

Robert: Did you phone the front desk for help, sir? About the temperature?

Guest: I told the man who brought my sandwich to the room. He said it was too hot too.

Robert: Ah, you told the room service waiter. I see. I'll make a note, sir, and ask the technician to reduce the heat in your room tonight.

Guest: Not too much. My wife likes a warm bedroom – we don't want to be cold. And then this morning I opened the window because I was so hot and the noise! It was terrible.

Robert: Noise, sir? Your window looks out onto the park. There's no traffic, just trees and grass.

Guest: I'm not talking about the traffic. The birds! Singing and whistling! Cheep cheep! In the trees outside our window. I really think I should write something on TripAdvisor – a complaint. People need to know what ...

Robert: They drive me mad sometimes! I keep thinking it'll be different when I get the manager's job in Brazil – a nice beach hotel, sunny weather. But then I'll probably get people complaining that there's too much sand on the beach or the sea isn't blue enough or their children are scared of the birds in the trees – the parrots. Grrr. Anyway ... I'm still doing the Portuguese lessons – with Milton, the Brazilian. I met Milton's neighbour last night – we were going down to the pub for a quick drink after the lesson ...

Milton: So that's what you have to study for next week ... Oh, hello, Mei!

Mei: Hello.

Milton: Um, Mei, this is Robert, um, my student. He's learning Portuguese – you remember.

Mei: Yes, I remember – Robert 'Mackla-ackle-an'.

Robert: Robert MacLachlan.

Milton: Robert, this is Mei, my neighbour. She lives in the next flat.

Mei: Hello.

Robert: Hello, Mei. Nice to meet you.

Milton: We're just going to the pub for a quick drink before my next lesson. Would you like to come?

Robert: You're very welcome ...

Mei: Thank you, but I don't think so. Not tonight. Maybe another time. Maybe we could have a pizza together.

Robert: She seems nice anyway. Perhaps we'll have a pizza one night, the three of us. Love to you and the kids. Tell wee Callum I haven't forgotten his birthday – and I'm still planning to come up and see you all. Speak to you again soon.

In episode 11, Mei talks about her problems at work. What is she going to do?

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. to have a word
2. to get your stuff together
3. an app
4. programming
5. to wish
6. to keep your fingers crossed
7. guys
8. design

Definition

- a. to want something to happen, especially something impossible or unlikely
- b. men; often used informally to refer to a group of men and/or women
- c. to talk with someone
- d. to collect all your things
- e. an application; a program for a phone or computer
- f. writing code for a computer program
- g. to draw or plan how something will look
- h. to hope for a good result

Tasks

Task 1

Write a number (1–8) to put the events in the order they are mentioned.

- _____ Milton gets a phone call.
- _____ Mei, Robert and Milton talk about what the word ‘guys’ means.
- _____ Mei’s boss calls for a meeting.
- _____ Robert suggests what Mei should do.
- _____ Mei tells Robert and Milton about her work.
- _____ Mei isn’t sure if she should go to the meeting or not.
- _____ Mei doesn’t say anything in the meeting.
- _____ Milton talks about his parents.

Task 2

Are the sentences true or false?

		Answer	
1.	Mei is feeling ill.	True	False
2.	Mei goes to the meeting.	True	False
3.	Mei is programming a new travel app at the moment.	True	False
4.	Mei’s colleagues ask her a lot of questions in meetings.	True	False
5.	There are only three women working in Mei’s office.	True	False
6.	Robert thinks Mei should tell her manager why she’s unhappy.	True	False
7.	Milton’s mother lives in Brazil.	True	False
8.	Milton gets a phone call about his pizza delivery job.	True	False

Discussion

Do your friends help you with your problems at work?

Transcript

Mei: Hello, Jiang. I wish I could come to your house and we could have those chicken noodles that your mum makes. You know, the ones she makes when someone is ill – if they have a bad cold or something. And no, I'm not ill. I'm just a bit sad and missing home – and you, of course. I even miss your noisy little brother and his rude comments. And the dog, trying to eat the noodles from your bowl. No, really, I'm fine. I love my flat and my neighbours are nice but work is difficult.

Steve (boss): Hey, guys, good morning. (*The men reply 'Hi', 'Hi, Steve', 'Morning', 'Hey, boss', etc.*) Steve, can we have a word? Get the guys from your team together, would you? Let's talk round the table in the middle, five minutes.

Steve (programmer): OK, Steve. You heard him. Come on, get your stuff together. Mei?

Mei: Yes?

Steve (programmer): Get your stuff together. Three minutes. Bring your laptop.

Mei: Of course. OK. I'm sorry. I thought he meant you and the others when he said 'guys', 'the guys from your team' – all of you men, not me. Am I a guy?

Steve (programmer): Are you a guy? Um, well no, you're not a guy – but you can be 'one of the guys', I suppose, can't you? Aren't you? Anyway, get your laptop. We'll talk about it later.

Steve (boss): OK, Steve. How's the work on the new travel app going?

Steve (programmer): Tony and Greg, would you guys – um, you two – like to answer that? You're doing the programming on the map ...

Steve (boss): I thought it was Dave and Mikey – no? OK, no problem. And Mei? Is she not working on the travel app?

Steve (programmer): Not yet. Not on the programming. She'll be working on the design and development a bit later.

Steve (boss): OK. So, Tony and Greg – fill me in ...

Mei: It's like that all the time. They don't talk to me in meetings – they just talk about me. And they haven't given me any programming to do yet. Not on any of the new apps we're working on. They want me to do some design work later, about how it looks and stuff. I think it's because I'm a woman. They think women are better at artistic things – making the app look pretty, I suppose. I was telling Robert ... Ah! I didn't tell you. I had a coffee with Milton and Robert yesterday – you remember, I talked about Robert, Milton's student, the one who wants to go to Brazil. He's really nice. I told them a bit about what things are like at work ...

Robert: And how many women are there in the office?

Mei: Three.

Milton and Robert: Three!

Milton: And you said there are four men called Steve. That means there are more men called Steve in your office than there are women.

Robert: That's not good.

Mei: Well, no. It isn't good. I suppose it's funny – but it's true. And tell me – 'guys' means men, doesn't it? If you say 'the guys', you mean men, don't you? Not women.

Robert: Good question. I'm not sure.

Milton: But you can say 'Hi, guys' to a group of men and women – can't you?

Robert: Well, yes, people do all the time. But I think if I said 'the guys at work', I'd be talking about the men, not the women.

Mei: OK. So I'm not crazy. They talk about 'the guys' all the time. I don't like it. I feel like I don't exist.

Robert: So you should say something, Mei. If you don't like it, you should say something.

Mei: Oh, I don't know. It's difficult. Let's change the subject.

Robert: OK. Any news about your job, Milton? *Game of Thrones*?

Milton: Not yet, but let's all keep our fingers crossed. My mum would be so proud of me! Her little boy on the television.

Robert: Where does your mum live? Which part of Brazil?

Milton: No, no, she doesn't live in Brazil. She's Brazilian, of course, but she's married to an American – Henry – and she moved to the US with him. They live in Florida. And no, he isn't my father. My dad died a long time ago. She married Henry two years ago and he's a really nice man.

Robert: Have you been out to visit them?

Milton: No, not yet. They got married in Brazil, but now they want to have another wedding in Florida – and I guess I'll have to go to that.

Mei: Nice! I would love to go to Florida.

Milton: Well, perhaps you could come with me. I need to take a partner to the wedding. My mum's always ... Wait a minute, I need to get this. It's the agency – about the job – the *Game of Thrones* thing ... Hello?

Mei: So Robert thinks I should say something to my boss – tell him what I'm unhappy about. Oh, I don't know, Jiang. Don't say anything to Mum and Dad about it. I don't want them to know I'm not happy. Send me lots of news about you. Do think about coming over to see me – I really need a visit from home. Oh, and I forgot, Milton got an answer about the job on *Game of Thrones* ... You'll never guess ...

Writing home
Episode 12

In episode 12, Milton writes to his brother as he starts his new job. Why do you think he is worried about their mother?

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary**Definition**

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|------------------|---|
| 1. to book | a. to reserve a room, seat, etc. for a particular time in the future |
| 2. an extra | b. the hair that some men have on the lower part of their face |
| 3. craic | c. an Irish word for fun conversation |
| 4. a scar | d. an actor in a film who is usually in the background and does not speak |
| 5. weird | e. a room with special equipment where films, music recordings, etc. are made |
| 6. a studio | f. a mark left on the body after an injury, cut, etc. |
| 7. to snore | g. to breathe in a noisy way when you are sleeping |
| 8. a beard | h. strange; unusual; unexpected in an uncomfortable way |

Tasks

Task 1

Write a number (1–8) to put the events in the order they are mentioned.

- _____ Milton tells Alfredo that their mother is going to hospital.
- _____ Michael and Milton talk about football.
- _____ Michael and Milton talk about the filming of *Game of Thrones*.
- _____ Milton tells Alfredo that he has got a job in *Game of Thrones*.
- _____ Milton meets one of his roommates, Michael.
- _____ Milton returns to the hostel and his roommates are sleeping.
- _____ Milton goes for a walk around Belfast.
- _____ Milton checks in at the hostel.

Task 2

Circle the best answer.

1. Where is *Game of Thrones* being filmed?
 - a. Belfast
 - b. London
 - c. Dublin
2. How long will Milton be working on *Game of Thrones*?
 - a. 1 week
 - b. 3 weeks
 - c. 3 months
3. What sort of room does Milton have at the hostel?
 - a. a single room
 - b. a double room
 - c. a shared room
4. What do a lot of the male *Game of Thrones* actors have?
 - a. short hair
 - b. a beard
 - c. sunglasses

5. What football team does Michael support?
 - a. Manchester City
 - b. Manchester United
 - c. Brazil
6. Who does Michael say was the best football player in the world?
 - a. Ronaldo
 - b. Pelé
 - c. George Best
7. What time do the actors have to start getting their make-up on?
 - a. 2 a.m.
 - b. 6 a.m.
 - c. 2 p.m.
8. Which famous ship is there a museum about in Belfast?
 - a. the Titanic
 - b. the Britannic
 - c. HMS Belfast

Discussion

Have you ever had to travel for work?

Transcript

Milton: Hey, Alfredo, big brother. How's it all going with you? You will never guess where I am – not in a million years. I'm in Belfast, capital city of Northern Ireland. And why is that, I can hear you ask. Well, (*makes noise of a trumpet fanfare*) I've got a job. The *Game of Thrones* people phoned me three days ago and said, 'Get over here to Belfast as fast as you can. We've got three weeks' work for you.' So here I am, in a hostel. I arrived last night.

Receptionist: Can I help you?

Milton: Um, yes. I've got a room booked here. Milton da Silva.

Receptionist: Milton da Silva – here we are. You've booked a bed, my dear. It's in a shared room. You've booked for a week, is that right?

Milton: Yes, that's right, but it will probably be longer – three weeks, I think. I'm working on *Game of Thrones*.

Receptionist: Oh my dear, you and everyone else in the hostel – everyone in Belfast probably. The whole city is full of men with beards and women with long hair.

Milton: And in my room? Am I sharing a room with a lot of men with beards?

Receptionist: Oh yes. There are six of you. You'll enjoy the *craic*.

Milton: The *craic*?

Receptionist: The conversation, the chat, the fun. It's an Irish word.

Milton: Oh, OK. Yes, I'm sure I will. Thank you.

Receptionist: Here's your key. Room 6, first on the left up the stairs.

Michael: Hello.

Milton: Hello.

Michael: I'm Michael.

Milton: I'm Milton.

Michael: Milton. Like the poet? Good name.

Milton: Not really. It's quite common in Brazil.

Michael: You Brazilian then?

Milton: Yep. And you?

Michael: English – Manchester.

Milton: So, United or City?

Michael: United. Red Devils. You a fan of English football then?

Milton: Oh yes. I'm Brazilian – football's in our blood. It's the home of Pelé, don't forget – the best player ever in the world.

Michael: The best player? Ever? What about the Belfast Boy himself, George Best? Man U's best player ever. Also known as The Fifth Beatle. Best player in the world, I'd say. Heard of him?

Milton: Of course I've heard of him. He was a legend. Even Pelé said he was the greatest footballer in the world, so I'll believe him.

Michael: I think you and me'll get on fine, Mr Milton. You here for the 'Thrones'?

Milton: Yes, that's right, for the series. I'm an extra. Can't you tell by the beard?
(*Michael laughs*)

Milton: What's it like? Working on it? I start tomorrow, I think. Well, I have to go and speak to them anyway.

Michael: It isn't easy – long days, hours sitting while they cover you in make-up, hours sitting around waiting. But the pay's OK. And of course, it's a cool way to spend the time.

Milton: Is it OK here? In the hostel, I mean? Are the other people OK?

Michael: It's fine. They're fine. Most people are actors, so they can be a bit, you know ... 'loud', but there's never any trouble. You chose a good place. I've been in three, and this one's the best. It's not far from the studio. You can walk there – useful when you have to start work at two in the morning.

Milton: Two o'clock in the morning!

Michael: Yep. It takes a long time to get all that make-up on – scars and bad teeth and all the rest. Right. I need a sleep, I've had a long day. So go for a walk or sit down and read a book or something.

Milton: So I went for a walk around Belfast and had something to eat. I got back at about ten o'clock – not late – and there were five people sleeping – and snoring very loudly – in the room. So I'm sitting in the lounge downstairs writing this, then off to bed and off to Titanic Studios tomorrow. That's true. Did you know the *Titanic* – the ship – was built in Belfast? There's a museum here about it. Just before I go, what's going on with Mum? I had a weird email from her yesterday. She never writes emails. She said she had to have a few days in hospital for some 'routine tests' but 'it's nothing to worry about.' I haven't answered yet. Do you know what's going on? When someone says 'don't worry', I start to worry. So let me know – and wish me luck for tomorrow. Night night.

Word on the Street Camden Fashion

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Carmen talks about punk, London Fashion Week and Cyber-Goth. Choose the right group for each expression.

a very strong fashion sense / the latest fashion trends / a mixture of varied stuff / British fashion is different / less wearable but always exciting / anti-fashion / torn clothes and spiky hair / a futuristic style / breaking all the rules

Punk

London Fashion Week

Cyber-Goth

Activity 2

Choose the sentences that you heard

Carmen say.

- Both of these sentences are correct. Choose the one that Carmen used.
 - Camden is the largest market in the UK.
 - Camden is one of the largest markets in the UK.
- Both of these sentences are correct. Choose the one that Carmen used.
 - Camden is better known for its market.
 - Camden is best known for fashion.
- Both of these sentences are correct. Choose the one that Carmen used.
 - Punk music was about breaking all the rules.
 - Punk music was about making all the rules.
- Both of these sentences are correct. Choose the one that Carmen used.
 - London Fashion Week is a great place to see the strangest new fashion trends.
 - London Fashion Week is a great place to see the latest new fashion trends.
- Both of these sentences are correct. Choose the one that Carmen used.
 - The shape of the clothes is a lot more aggressive, maybe a lot bigger.
 - The shape of the clothes is a bit more aggressive, maybe a bit

sharper.

6. Both of these sentences are correct.
Choose the one that Carmen used.

- a) Take a look at these.
- b) Have a listen to this.

Discussion

- What do you think of British

fashion?

- Do you have any British clothes?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Word on the Street Camden Scene 1

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Choose the best answer to these questions.

1. What did Stephen and Ashlie buy for their mum?
 - a) a lamp
 - b) a drum
 - c) a candle holder
2. Stephen and Ashlie bought the same present. Who paid more for it?
 - a) Stephen
 - b) Ashlie

Activity 2

Put the sentences into the correct order.

- A. Well, she's quite stylish – modern, I suppose.
- B. Er, the leaf lights – they are £21.95.
- C. Hmm, I'm not sure she'll like them. Can you help me? I'm looking for a birthday present for my mum. Any ideas?
- D. I like these. How much are they?
- E. Well, the yin yang's really modern. What do you think of that?
- F. Hmm. What about that one over there?
- G. What type of thing does she like?
- H. Ah, the ball lights – lovely – it's fifty pounds.

Discussion

- Do you ever shop in markets in your country? What do you buy there?
- How similar or different are the markets in your country?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Word on the Street Camden Scene 1 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Complete the questions with the right question word.

What / Where / How / Who / When / Why

1. _____ do you live?
2. _____ is your best friend?
3. _____ time do you start work?
4. _____ old is your brother?
5. _____ is the meeting – Monday or Tuesday?
6. _____ are you looking at me like that?

Activity 2

Match the answers with the questions.

Erm, probably my brother. / It's on Tuesday. At three o'clock. / I'm not looking at you! / At nine o'clock, usually. / He's nineteen. / In a small town near Manchester.

1. Where do you live?

2. Who is your best friend?

3. What time do you start work?

4. How old is your brother?

5. When is the meeting – Monday or Tuesday?

6. Why are you looking at me like that?

Activity 3

Rearrange the words to make 'how' questions.

1. long / How / you / have / lived / in / London?

2. are / sunglasses? / How / these / much

3. How's / going / ? / it

4. about / chicken / How / for dinner / tonight?

5. are / How / you / doing?

6. How / have / many / you / brothers and sisters / got?

Activity 4

Match the sentences with when we use them.

length of time / making a suggestion /
meeting a friend / price / meeting a friend /
asking about number

1. How long have you lived in London?

2. How much are these sunglasses?

3. How's it going?

4. How about chicken for dinner tonight?

5. How are you doing?

6. How many brothers and sisters have you got?

Word on the Street Camden Scene 2

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Did you like the clothes Stephen and Ashlie bought? Answer these questions.

1. Which shoes did Ashlie buy?
 - a) The green ones.
 - b) The black ones.
2. Why is Stephen shocked?
 - a) Because they will be late for their mum's birthday party.
 - b) Because Ashlie changed her image.

Activity 2

Reorder the words to make questions from the video.

1. Which / ones / you / do / prefer?

2. size / them / got / Have / six? / you / in / a

3. I / Can / try / them / on, / please? / both

4. What's / wrong / with / ones? / black / the

5. try / in / Can / on / I / please? / this / smaller / a / size,

Discussion

- Do you like clothes shopping?
- What sort of questions do you ask when you go clothes shopping?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Word on the Street Camden Scene 2 – Language Focus

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Match the beginnings and endings.

on, please? / colour? / got it in a medium? /
a size 10, please? / it in a large? / ones,
please?

1. Can I try it _____
2. Have you got it in _____
3. Have you got it in another _____
4. Do you have _____
5. It's a bit too big. Have you _____

6. Can I try on the blue _____

Activity 2

Are the sentences from a clothes shop or from a restaurant?

Can I try it on, please? / Have you got it in green? / It's a bit too small. / Are you ready to order? / Can I have the bill, please? / Do you have a reservation?

Clothes shop

Restaurant
