

Practical English Episode 1

Checking into a hotel a (1.42)

Hello. I'm Rob. I'm from London. I'm a journalist. Today I'm in Poland. I'm not on holiday. I'm here for work.

Checking into a hotel – listen and order (1.43)

Rob	Hello.
Receptionist	Good afternoon.
Rob	My name's Rob Walker. I have a
	reservation.
Receptionist	Sorry, what's your surname?
Rob	Walker.
Receptionist	How do you spell it?
Rob	W-A-L-K-E-R.
Receptionist	Sorry?
Rob	W-A-L-K-E-R.
Receptionist	Thank you. OK, Mr Walker. You're in
	room 321.
Rob	Thanks.
Checking into	a hotel – listen and repeat (1.44)
Rob	Hello.
Receptionist	Good afternoon.
Rob	My name's Rob Walker. I have a
	reservation.
Receptionist	Sorry, what's your surname?
Rob	Walker.
Receptionist	How do you spell it?
Rob	W-A-L-K-E-R.

W-A-L-K-E-R. Receptionist Sorry? W-A-L-K-E-R. Rob Receptionist Thank you. OK, Mr Walker. You're in room 321. Thanks.

Rob

Booking a table a (1.45)

Hi. I'm Jenny Zielinski. I'm from New York. Tomorrow's my birthday, and my favourite restaurant in New York is Locanda Verde. It's Italian.

Booking a table – listen and complete (1.46)

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Waiter Locand	Locanda Verde. Good morning. How can I		
help yo	help you?		
Jenny Hello.	Hello. A table for tomorrow, please.		
Waiter Tomor	Tomorrow er, Tuesday?		
Jenny Yes, th	nat's right.		
Waiter How m	nany people?		
Jenny Three.			
Waiter What t	ime?		
Jenny Seven	o'clock.		
Waiter What's	r What's your name, please?		
Jenny Jenny	Jenny Zielinski. That's Z-I-E-L-I-N-S-K-I.		
Waiter Thank	r Thank you, Ms, er, Zielinski. OK. So, a table		
for thre	for three on Tuesday at seven.		
Jenny Great.	Great. Thanks. Bye.		
Waiter Goodb	r Goodbye, see you tomorrow.		
Useful phrases (1.47)			
Rob	I have a reservation.		
Receptionist	How do you spell it?		
Receptionist Sorry?			
Receptionist Thank you.			
Waiter	Good morning.		
Waiter	How can I help you?		
Jenny	A table for tomorrow, please.		
Jenny	Jenny That's right.		



2C Video Listening

Meet the students

Hello, I'm Alicia. Today I'm in Brighton.

Brighton is in the south of England. It's on the coast. It's a fantastic town, and it's famous for the Royal Pavilion, the pier, and the beach. But I'm not on holiday. I'm here to visit an English language school.

This is the school. It's a big school with about three hundred and fifty students. Rike and Hyeongwoo are students at the school. Hyeongwoo is twenty-three years old. He's from Korea. He's a beginner student. His class is small, with only five students. His teacher is Stephen. He's English. He's very friendly, and he's a very good teacher.

Rike is nineteen years old. She's from Germany. She's an intermediate student, and her class is big, with eleven students. Her teacher is Laura. She's English. She's really nice, and she's a very good teacher, too.

When Rike and Hyeongwoo aren't in class, they're in the computer room...or here, in the canteen. In the evening they're at home. Rike and Hyeongwoo live in a student house. It's near the school. It's a big house with five bedrooms, a kitchen, and a garden.

Brighton is great for students like Rike and Hyeongwoo. The people are friendly, and the town is exciting and fun!

2C Video Listening

Meet the students – extracts

- **1** Brighton is in the south of England.
- **2** It's a big school with about three hundred and fifty students.
- 3 His class is small, with only five students.
- 4 ...they're in the computer room...or here, in the canteen.
- **5** It's a big house with five bedrooms, a kitchen, and a garden.

Revise and Check

Can you understand these people? 1&2 (2.28)

- 1
- I = interviewer, J = Jayna
- I What's your name?
- J Jayna.
- I How do you spell it?
- J J-A-Y-N-A.
- 2
- I = interviewer, V = Vera
- I Where are you from?
- V I'm from Russia.
- I Where in Russia?
- **V** Er, Moscow capital.
- 3

I = interviewer, R = Richard

- I How old are you?
- **R** I'm sixty-six.
- 4
- I = interviewer, M = Mairi
- I What's your mobile phone number?
- **M** It's oh seven five six, four three seven eight.
- 5
- I = interviewer, Ia = Iain
- I What's your email address?
- la It's lain dot Smith at yahoo dot com.



Video Script Practical English Episode 2

Buying lunch (Rob) (3.23)

Rob

Barman

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Barman	Who's next?
Rob	Can I have a cheese sandwich,
	please?
Barman	Anything else?
Rob	And a Coke, please.
Barman	Ice and lemon?
Rob	No, thanks.
Barman	There you go.
Rob	Thanks. How much is it?
Barman	Six pounds seventy-five.
Rob	Here you are.
Barman	Thanks. Here's your change.
Buying lunch	e – listen and repeat (3.24)
Barman	Who's next?
	Who o hext:
Rob	Can I have a cheese sandwich,
	Can I have a cheese sandwich,
Rob	Can I have a cheese sandwich, please?
Rob Barman	Can I have a cheese sandwich, please? Anything else?
Rob Barman Rob	Can I have a cheese sandwich, please? Anything else? And a Coke, please.
Rob Barman Rob Barman	Can I have a cheese sandwich, please? Anything else? And a Coke, please. Ice and lemon?
Rob Barman Rob Barman Rob	Can I have a cheese sandwich, please? Anything else? And a Coke, please. Ice and lemon? No, thanks.
Rob Barman Rob Barman Rob Barman	Can I have a cheese sandwich, please? Anything else? And a Coke, please. Ice and lemon? No, thanks. There you go.

Here you are.

Thanks. Here's your change.

Buying lunch (Jenny) (3.25)

Assistant	Hi. How can I help you?
Jenny	Hi. How much is this tuna salad?
Assistant	It's seven twenty.
Jenny	OK, fine. And this mineral water,
	please.
Assistant	That's nine dollars seventy cents.
Jenny	Here you are.
Assistant	Thank you. Have a nice day.
Amy	Jenny!
Jenny	Amy! Hi, how are you?
Amy	I'm fine. How are you?
Jenny	l'm fine, too.
Amy	What's that?
Jenny	Oh, just a salad and some water.
Amy	You are good! Look, wait for me. We
	can have lunch together in the park.
Jenny	Sure! Great idea.
Amy	Can I have a cheese sandwich, a
	cappuccino, and a brownie, please?

Useful phrases (3.26)

Rob	Can I have a cheese sandwich	
	please?	
Barman	Anything else?	
Rob	And a Coke please.	
Barman	Ice and lemon?	
Rob	No, thanks.	
Rob	How much is it?	
Rob	Here you are.	
Barman	Here's your change.	
Jenny	l'm fine, too.	
Amy	Wait for me.	
Jenny	Sure!	
Jenny	Great idea.	



4C Video Listening

Beaulieu Motor Museum

Hi! I'm Louise, and today I'm in Beaulieu.

Beaulieu is a small village. It's in England, but Beaulieu is a French word. In English, we say Bjuli, but in French it's Beau lieu – beautiful place. And it really is beautiful! Beaulieu is in the New Forest. It's famous for its big house, old church, and fantastic motor museum.

The National Motor Museum in Beaulieu is sixty-two years old. It's a very interesting place, with lots and lots of cars. Let's go and see!

These are some of the cars. These are old, vintage cars. These are fast, modern cars. This is my favourite car. It's British and its name is Bluebird. It's fifty-five years old and it's very, very fast!

These cars are from lots of different countries. This is a Mercedes sixty hp. It's a German car. It's a hundred and ten years old and it's black and gold. This is a Ferrari Dino. It's Italian. It's forty years old. It's red and it's great.

This is a Ford Anglia. Ford is an American company, but the Anglia is a British car. This blue Ford Anglia is very famous. It's the Weasley's car in the Harry Potter films!

But the National Motor Museum isn't just famous for cars. It's also famous for motorbikes. This is an American Harley Davidson, this is an Italian Ducati, and this is a German BMW.

The National Motor Museum is fantastic, and Beaulieu is a beautiful village. Come and see!

Revise and Check

- Can you understand these people? 3&4 (4.25)
- 1
- I = interviewer, R = Richard
- I What's in your bag?
- **R** Er, my coat, and water, and wallet.
- 2

I = interviewer, R = Rachel

- I What's in your bag?
- **R** In my bag I keep my purse, my phone, and an umbrella.
- 3

I = interviewer, K = Kieran

- I Are you from a big or small family?
- **K** I'm from a small family. I have my mum, my dad, and one little sister.
- 4

I = interviewer, D= Debra

- I How much is a cup of coffee in your local coffee shop?
- D It's four dollars.
- I Do you think it's cheap or expensive?
- D I think it's expensive.
- 5
- I = interviewer, S = Susan
- I Can you describe your car?
- **S** I have a Fiat five hundred automatic, so a small car.



Practical English Episode 3

Telling the time a (5.21)

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Rob	I'm tired. What time is it?
Alan	It's eleven o'clock.
Rob	I need to go. I have a meeting in
	Oxford tomorrow morning.
Alan	One more drink?
Rob	Oh, OK!
Rob	Excuse me. What time is it?
Woman	It's a quarter to eight. What time's
	your train?
Rob	At seven forty-seven.
Woman	You need to hurry! You only have
	two minutes.
Rob	Thanks.
Rob	Hello. I'm Rob Walker. I'm sorry I'm
	late.
Man	You're an hour late. It's half past ten.
Rob	I know. I'm really sorry.
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-	ne – listen and repeat (5.22)
Rob	I'm tired. What time is it?
Rob Alan	I'm tired. What time is it? It's eleven o'clock.
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Rob Alan Rob Alan Rob	I'm tired. What time is it? It's eleven o'clock. I need to go. I have a meeting in Oxford tomorrow morning. One more drink? Oh, OK!
Rob Alan Rob Alan Rob Rob	I'm tired. What time is it? It's eleven o'clock. I need to go. I have a meeting in Oxford tomorrow morning. One more drink? Oh, OK! Excuse me. What time is it?
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Rob Alan Rob Alan Rob Woman Rob Woman Rob	I'm tired. What time is it? It's eleven o'clock. I need to go. I have a meeting in Oxford tomorrow morning. One more drink? Oh, OK! Excuse me. What time is it? It's a quarter to eight. What time's your train? At seven forty-seven. You need to hurry! You only have two minutes. Thanks. Hello. I'm Rob Walker. I'm sorry I'm

A night out (5.30)			
Amy	Hi. Sorry I'm late. What time's the show?		
Jenny	Don't worry. It's at eight o'clock.		
Amy	What time is it now?		
Jenny	It's OK. It's only twenty to eight[fade]		
Amy	What a great show!		
Jenny	Yes, fantastic. I'm hungry. Do you want a pizza?		
Amy	What time is it?		
Jenny	Um, quarter to eleven.		
Amy	It's late and I'm tired.		
Jenny	Come on. I know a really good Italian restaurant near here.		
Amy	Oh, OK. Let's go.		
Useful phrases (5.31)			
Rob	I need to go.		
Woma	n You need to hurry.		
Man	You're an hour late.		
Rob	I'm really sorry.		
Jenny	Don't worry.		

What a great show!

It's late and I'm tired.

Come on.

OK. Let's go.

Amy

Amy

Amy

Jenny



6C Video Listening

A day in the life of a New York tour guide

N = narrator, P = Peter

 N Hi! I'm Louisa. I'm in New York. I'm from England, but I'm here to learn about the life of a tour guide. Peter Greenwald is a New York tour guide. He lives in a small apartment in Brooklyn. He usually gets up at eight o'clock. Peter has a big breakfast. He usually has fruit and cereal, and sometimes he has an omelette. He leaves the house at nine o'clock.

Peter works for a company called Real New York Tours. His tours always begin in Times Square. Every morning, he goes there by subway. Peter usually arrives at about nine forty-five.

He meets his group and tells them about the tour. At ten o'clock, the tour begins.

- P OK, let's go!
- N Peter takes them to places of interest all around Manhattan. They have lunch in Greenwich Village. Peter usually has a real New York pizza. The tour ends in Wall Street.
- P Wall Street is a very old street. The New York
 Stock Exchange is here.
- N After work, Peter takes the subway back to Brooklyn. Then he relaxes. He usually reads a book. Sometimes, he watches TV.
 He goes to bed at about eleven o'clock. He needs to sleep. Every day he walks about six miles!
 Peter is an excellent tour guide: he loves his job,

and he loves New York.

6C Video Listening

A day in the life of a New York tour guide – extracts

- 1 Every morning he goes there by subway.
- **2** After work, Peter takes the subway back to Brooklyn.
- 3 Then he relaxes.

Revise and Check

Can you understand these people? 5&6 (6.20)

- 1
 - I = interviewer, J = John
 - I What do you usually have for breakfast?
 - **J** Um, just toast and a cup of tea, maybe.
 - 2
 - I = interviewer, H = Hanna
 - I Do you live in a house or a flat?
 - H It's a house.
 - I Where is it?
 - H It's in Stockport, outside Manchester.
 - 3

I = interviewer, L = Lisa

- I Do you have children?
- L I have children, yes I do. I have one son. He is sixteen.
- 4

I = interviewer, S = Susan

- I What do you do?
- S I'm retired.
- I Do you like being retired?
- **S** I do...very much.
- 5

I = interviewer, K = Kieran

- I What time do you get up during the week?
- K Um, quite early. Usually before eight a.m.
- I And at weekends?
- K At the weekends, much later. About ten a.m.



Practical English Episode 4

Talking	on	the	phone	(7.30)
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•		Jenny	Hello?
	the date a (7.27)	Rob	Hello. Is that, uh, Jennifer Zielinski?
Rob	What's the date today?	Jenny	Yes. Who's that?
Alan	I think it's the 2nd of June.	Rob	This is Rob Walker.
Rob	Are you sure? Isn't it the 1st?	Jenny	I'm sorry, who?
Alan	No, definitely the 2nd.	Rob	Rob Walker. I work for London
Rob	Oh no! It's my dad's birthday.		24seven. We need to talk about your
Covin	$\frac{1}{2}$		trip to London in March. Er, you
) the date c (7.28)		arrive on the 12th of March and you
Rob	Dad!		leave on the 19th, is that right?
-	Rob, hi!	Jenny	I'm really sorry Mr. Walker er, Rob,
Rob	Hi. This is for you.		but I'm not at work. Today is a
Henry	For me? It's my favourite wine. Thanks Rob!		holiday here.
	But why?	Rob	A holiday?
Rob	For your birthday of course! Happy birthday!	Jenny	Yes, you know, it's Thanksgiving. I'm
Henry	Rob, it isn't my birthday today! My birthday's		at my parent's house, with my family.
	on the 2nd of July. Today's the 2nd of June.	Rob	Thanksgiving. Of course. Sorry. We
Rob	Oh no!		don't have Thanksgiving in England.
Henry	Don't worry. Come in! Have a glass of	Jenny	No problem. Listen, call me on
	wine	-	Monday at work. No, not Monday,
Saying the date – listen and repeat (7.29)			Tuesday.
the first of January		Rob	Tuesday the third of December?
the second of February		Jenny	Yes.
the eighth of March		Jenny's mom	Jenny! Hurry up!
the ninth of April		Jenny	Talk to you on Tuesday. Thanks for
the eleventh of May			calling.
the fourteenth of June		Rob	Bye.
	hteenth of July	Jenny	Bye.
the twentieth of August			
the twenty-second of September			
the twenty-third of October			
the thirtieth of November			

the thirty-first of December

Useful phrases (7.31)

Rob What's the date today?

- **Rob** Are you sure?
- Rob Isn't it the 1st?
- **Rob** It's my dad's birthday.
- Rob This is for you.
- Rob Happy Birthday!
- **Rob** Is that Jennifer Zielinski?
- Jenny Yes. Who's that?
- **Rob** We need to talk about your trip to London.
- Rob Of course!
- Jenny Call me on Monday at work.
- Jenny Talk to you on Tuesday.

8C Video Listening

Singing in a choir

I = interviewer, F = Freddie, S = Steph, A = Alex,

T = Tegan, N = Nell

I This is a choir. They're called the Oxford Gargoyles. A gargoyle is a type of statue. You see them on a lot of old buildings in Oxford and other cities.

Today the Oxford Gargoyles have a rehearsal. They have a new song to practise, an old English folk song called Scarborough Fair. Let's find out more about the choir and the people in it. How many people are in the choir?

- **F** There are thirteen people in the choir.
- I Are you all students?
- **S** Yes, we're all students at Oxford University.
- I What do you study?
- **S** I study music.
- A I study music.
- T I study music.
- ${\bf N}$ $\;$ I study languages, specifically French and Italian.
- I How often do you practise?
- N We practise twice a week on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

I How long do you practise for?

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- **S** Each rehearsal is three hours long.
- I How often do you give concerts?
- **T** We usually give concerts once a month.
- I Where do you give concerts?
- N We give concerts in lots of different locations. We give concerts in bars and in theatres and in churches.
- I What kind of music do you like singing?
- **S** I like singing lots of different types of music, especially jazz and opera.
- I Do you think everybody can sing?
- F I think everyone can sing because everyone can talk.
- T I think everybody can learn how to sing.
- A I think everyone apart from my dad can sing. Yes.
- I Why do you like singing?
- F I love music and I love being able to make music with my own body, my own voice, without needing any extra tools.
- N I enjoy singing a lot because I think it's a really fun thing to do. And it's also a very social activity, so you can do it with anyone, with any of your friends, and you can do it at any time, or in any place.
- S I like singing because I feel happy when I sing.
- I Do you prefer singing solo or with a group?
- T I definitely prefer singing in a group because I like singing with my friends and I think it's really fun to be able to sing together.
- A It's nice to sing solos, but it is more pressure as well.
- **S** I like both solo singing and choir singing.
- Choir Are you going to Scarborough Fair? Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme Remember me to one who lives there She once was a true love of mine. Tell her to make me a cambric shirt Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme.



Without no seams nor needle work Then she'll be a true love of mine. Tell her to find me an acre of land Parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme Between the salt water and the sea strand Then she'll be a true love of mine.

Revise and Check

Can you understand these people? 7&8 (8.19)

I = interviewer, S = Spencer

- I What do you usually do in the evening after school?
- **S** Um, I usually go to sports practices, and finish homework, and have dinner and things.

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I = interviewer, S = Sahil

- I What kind of films do you like?
- **S** Normally action movies or comedy.
- I Do you usually watch films at home or at the cinema?
- **S** Depends. If it's a good action movie, I like to go out and watch.

3

I = interviewer, S = Susan

- I When's your birthday?
- **S** My birthday is the fifth of April.
- I What do you usually do on your birthday?
- **S** Go out for a meal with family and friends.

4

- I = interviewer, N = Nell
- I Do you drive to work?
- K Yes, I do.

I Can you park near where you work?

K Yes, there's a car park at my office.

5

- I = interviewer, R = Richard
- I What do you like doing at the weekend?
- R Er, I like cycling, walking, um, socializing, cooking.

Practical English Episode 5

Inviting and offering (9.19)

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Rob	Hey, Alan. Would you like to come to	
	the match with me on Sunday? It's	
	Norwich against Chelsea,	
	and I have two tickets.	
Alan	Wow! What time's the match?	
Rob	It's at four o'clock.	
Alan	Yeah, I'd love to. Thanks.	
Rob	Would you like to meet for lunch	
	first?	
Alan	Sorry, I can't. It's my mum's birthday,	
	and I need to have lunch with her.	
	But I can meet you there.	
Rob	Great. Let's meet at half past three at	
	the entrance to the Tube station.	
Alan	Fine. See you there.	
Alan	They are playing really badly. I hope	
	the second half is better.	
Rob	Me, too. I know they can win. Would	
	you like a burger?	
Alan	No, thanks. I'm not very hungry.	
Rob	How about a coffee?	
Alan	Yeah, great.	
Rob	Um, a burger and a water, please.	
Alan	And I'd like a coffee.	
Barman	Milk and sugar?	
Alan	Yes, please.	
Rob	Come on!	

Pronunciation (9.20)

a pizza like a pizza Would you like a pizza? see a film to see a film Would you like to see a film?

Meeting an old friend (9.21)

- Steve Hi, Jenny. What a surprise!
- Jenny Hi, Steve!
- Steve How are you? You're looking great.
- Jenny Thanks. I'm well. How about you?
- **Steve** I'm OK. Hey, it's starting to rain. Would you like a coffee?
- Jenny Oh, thanks, Steve, but I have a meeting in an hour.
- Steve Oh, come on Jenny. I'd like to talk to you.
- Jenny OK. A quick coffee.
- Steve Jenny, I'd like to ask you something.
- Jenny Yes?
- Steve There's an exhibition of Picasso at the MOMA next week. I know you love Picasso. Would you like to come with me?
- Jenny Listen, Steve. I'm really busy at work at the moment. Next week isn't a good week for me.
- Steve Sure. No problem. Maybe we can meet one evening, when you have more time and... have dinner or see a show?
- Jenny Listen, Steve. I don't think it's a good idea. But thanks. Oh, look at the time! I need to go. Let's ask for the check.

Useful phrases (9.22)

- **Rob** Would you like to come to the match with me?
- Alan Yes, I'd love to.
- Rob Let's meet at half past three.

Alan	See you there.
Rob	Would you like a burger?
Rob	How about a coffee?
Steve	I'd like to ask you something.
Jenny	I don't think it's a good idea.

10C Video Listening

Buildings with a past

Hi! I'm Greg. Welcome to Oxford. I'm visiting the Old Bank Hotel. It's an unusual hotel in the centre of the city.

The Old Bank is in the High Street, in the centre of Oxford. Today it's a luxury hotel, but these buildings – from number ninety-two to number ninety-four – have a very interesting history.

In the sixteenth century, they were part of Christ Church College. In the eighteenth century, they were different shops. And we know that in eighteen-oheight the buildings were one business – a bank.

There was a bank here for almost two hundred years, but today it's a famous Oxford hotel. Would you like to go in and look? Let's go.

The Old Bank Hotel has a beautiful reception and a fantastic restaurant. There are forty-two bedrooms and they're all very comfortable. They have great views of Oxford's famous colleges. This room has a large bed, two chairs, a table, a television, and a cupboard. It has a beautiful marble bathroom, too.

But there are other rooms that visitors to the hotel don't usually see. These secret rooms are here in the cellar, under the hotel. These are the old bank vaults. When the hotel was a bank, all the money was here. The rooms were small and the doors weren't easy to open! They were very, very strong, and on each one, there was a large lock.





Today, these old vaults are storerooms. The hotel keeps its wine collection in here, so it's very, very safe!

Ninety-two to ninety-four High Street is a part of Oxford's history. And today, if you want to visit Oxford, the Old Bank is a fantastic place to see!

Revise and Check

Can you understand these people? 9&10 (10.19)

1

I = interviewer, A = Anna

- I What are you doing in Oxford today?
- A I'm here visiting a friend and just looking around.
- 2

I = interviewer, la = lain

- I What clothes do you usually wear for work?
- **Ia** I wear semi-formal clothes, so a shirt and trousers, but I don't need to wear a tie.

3

I = interviewer, J = Jayna

- I Would you like to live in England?
- J Yes.
- I Why?
- J The history of the place, and just, um, it really is a beautiful country.
- 4

I = interviewer, S = Sandra

- I Are you staying in a hotel?
- S Yes.
- I Do you like it?
- S Yes, I like it very much.
- I Why?
- **S** It's situated near the river, it's really nice and cosy, they serve pints in the evening, so we're fine.

5

I = interviewer, S = Spencer

- I Where were you at ten o'clock last night?
- **S** At ten o'clock last night I was in my hotel room.

Practical English Episode 6

Asking for and giving directions a (11.20)

C
 Go straight on.
 A
 Turn right.
 B
 Turn left.

Asking for and giving directions b (11.21)

Rob	Excuse me. Is there a cash machine	
	near here?	
Woman	Yes. There's one at Barclays Bank.	
Rob	Sorry, where is that?	
Woman	Turn left and go straight on. Then	
	turn right and it's on the right.	
Rob	Thanks very much.	
Woman	You're welcome.	

Asking for and giving directions d (11.22)

- **Rob** Oh ****. I don't believe it. Excuse me, this cash machine isn't working. Is there another one near here?
- Man Yeah, there's one in HSBC. Go straight on, turn right. Go straight on for a bit and it's on the left.
- Rob Thanks.



Where's Jenny's hotel (11.23)

Jenny Hello?

- **Rob** Hi, Jennifer?
- Jenny Yes.
- **Rob** This is Rob Walker from London 24Seven. I'm phoning to check you got the email I sent you.
- Jenny Er, what was it about?
- **Rob** It was the information about your hotel for next week.
- Jenny Just a second. Yes, here it is. Hotel Indigo, London Street. Where is it exactly?
- **Rob** It's very near Paddington Station. You can get the Heathrow Express train from the airport to the station. It only takes about 15 minutes.
- Jenny Great. Can I walk to the hotel from the station?
- **Rob** Yes, it's very near. Can you see it on the map?
- Jenny Ah yes, I have it now.
- RobTurn left when you leave the station. Then gostraight on for a bit and turn right into LondonStreet. The hotel's opposite Norfolk Square.
- Jenny Great.
- **Rob** I can come to the hotel in the morning on your first day. We can walk to the office together.
- Jenny OK. See you then.
- Rob Bye.
- Jenny Bye.

Useful phrases (11.24)

- Rob Is there a cash machine near here?
- **Rob** Thanks very much.
- Rob I don't believe it!
- **Rob** Excuse me, this cash machine isn't working.
- Rob It only takes about 15 minutes.
- **Rob** Turn left when you leave the station.

12C Video Listening

Strangers on a Train – Part 3

- D = David, O = Olivia
- D Olivia's car was in the station car park.'Nice car,' I said.

It was a big BMW. She was a very fast driver. She stopped outside my flat. We said goodbye, and exchanged phone numbers.

The next morning there was a message from Olivia.

- O I really want to see you again! Friday?
- **D** On Friday morning, Olivia phoned me. Hello.
- **O** I have two tickets for a Beethoven concert tonight at the Royal Albert Hall! Can you get them from the box office at seven fifteen? We can meet in the bar at seven thirty. The concert starts at eight.

12C Video Listening

Strangers on a Train – Part 4

- D I arrived at the Royal Albert Hall at seven o'clock.
 I got the tickets, and I waited in the bar. But Olivia didn't arrive. I looked at my watch. It was seven forty-five. I looked at my phone. There was a message.
- **O** Sorry! In a meeting. Leave my ticket at the box office.
- D I left her ticket at the box office and went to my seat. The concert started, but Olivia didn't arrive.

When the concert finished, I phoned her, but her phone was off.

- **W** The number you are dialling is currently unavailable.
- D I sent her a text: Where are you?I was very angry. I left the concert hall and went

home.

I opened the door of my flat and turned on the light...

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Strangers on a Train – Part 5

D I opened the door of my flat and turned on the light.

My flat looked very different. Oh no! There was no TV, and there weren't any pictures on the walls. I went into my bedroom. My laptopwasn't there. But there was a nice smell: Chanel Number Five.

Revise and Check

Can you understand these people? 11&12 (12.13)

1

I = interviewer, S = Sophie

- I What did you do last weekend?
- **S** Last weekend it was my birthday, so I went out for a meal with friends, and it was very sunny as well, so we went for a long walk afterwards.

2

I = interviewer, J = Jayna

- I Where did you go for your last holiday?
- J I went to Japan for Christmas.

3

I = interviewer, R = Rozie

- I When was the last time you went to a restaurant?
- R The last time I went to a restaurant, er, was over the weekend. I went to Sweetwater, in, er, it's a French restaurant in Brooklyn.
- I Did you enjoy the meal?
- R I loved it. It was great.
- 4

I = interviewer, C = Chimi

- I Are you good at giving directions?
- C No, I'm not. I am the worst person to ask for directions. I myself am not good at finding places or following directions, so I pretty much am not good at it.

5

- I = interviewer, S = Susan
- I Is there a good café near here?
- **S** Yes, there is. It's just along on the right.