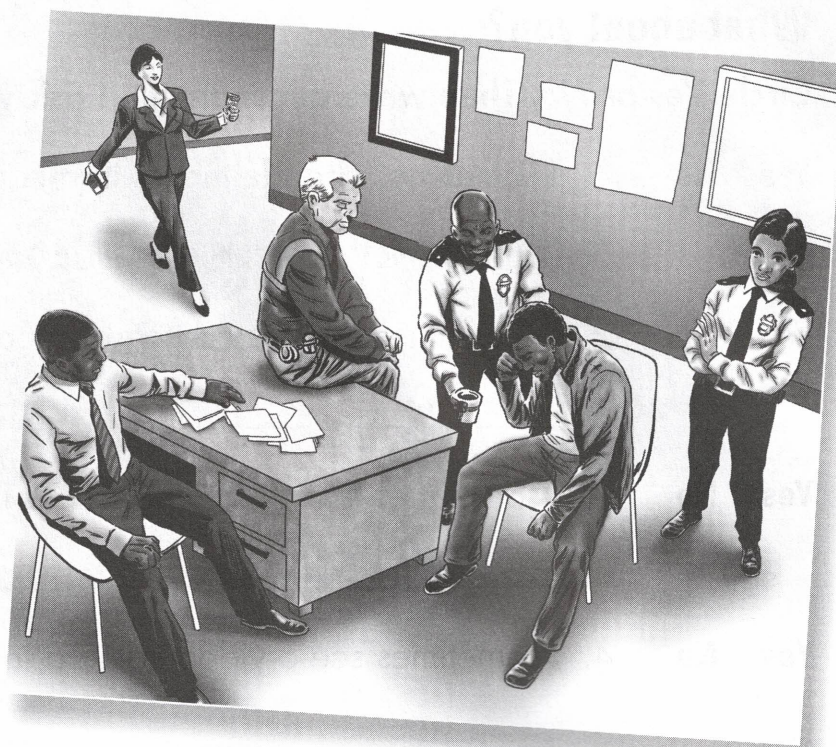


Chapter 13

An Interview for the Newspaper



Negasi stays at the police station for over three hours. “There is a reporter from the newspaper here,” says one police officer, smiling. “This will make a very interesting story. Can she please interview you for a few minutes?” Negasi looks at his watch.

“Uh, I don’t think so,” says Negasi. “I need to go back to work.”

“It won’t take long,” says the reporter, approaching Negasi. “People love stories like this.” Negasi remembers that Desta likes to share news stories in her class. He thinks that this story will make her feel very proud. So Negasi agrees.

The reporter interviews Negasi for the next half hour. “Did you think about spending the money?” she asks. “And what could you do with \$5,000?”

“Yes, I thought about it,” answers Negasi, truthfully. Negasi talks about his job—ten hours a day, seven days a week—as a taxi driver. He tells her that, like many people, he worries about his financial responsibilities.



He tells the reporter about his two children, and another baby coming this summer. And, with tears in his eyes, Negasi also talks about his relatives in Ethiopia who need help. "Of course, I can *really* use an extra \$5,000," says Negasi. "But that money belongs to the owner of the jewelry store. It wasn't mine to spend."

Answer the questions.

1. How long does Negasi stay at the police station?
2. Where is there a reporter from?
3. What kind of story will this make?
4. What does Negasi remember that Desta likes?
5. How does he think that this story will make her feel?
6. How long does the reporter interview Negasi?
7. What does Negasi talk about?
8. What does he tell her that he is worried about?
9. Who does he talk about with tears in his eyes?
10. Who does Negasi say that the money belongs to?

Complete the sentences.

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1. Negasi _____ at the police station for over three hours.
2. "There is a reporter from the newspaper here," _____ one police officer.
3. "This will _____ a very interesting story."
4. "Can she please _____ you for a few minutes?"
5. Negasi _____ his watch.
6. "Uh, I don't think so," says Negasi. "I need to _____ to work."
7. "It won't take long," says the reporter, _____ Negasi.
8. "People _____ stories like this."

Matching: Definitions

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|---------------------------|--|
| _____ 1. relatives | a. a person who reports on news and events |
| _____ 2. reporter | b. members of your family |
| _____ 3. interview | c. things that you have to do |
| _____ 4. tears | d. a meeting when someone answers questions |
| _____ 5. story | e. drops of salty liquid that come from your eye |
| _____ 6. responsibilities | f. a report in the news about a recent event |

Talking to a Newspaper Reporter

Practice the dialog with a partner.



- A: What could you do with \$5,000?
- B: Well, I have a lot of financial responsibilities: two children, and another baby coming this summer.
- A: Anything else?
- B: And I have relatives in Ethiopia who really need help.
- A: Why did you return the money to the police?
- B: That money belongs to the owner of the jewelry store. It wasn't mine to spend.

Matching

Match the words and pictures. Write the words on the lines below.

reporter

owner

police officer



1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1. a. He is there for a short time.
 b. He is there for a long time.
2. a. She wants to interview Negasi.
 b. She wants to fill out papers.
3. a. People like good news.
 b. People like robberies.
4. a. She will feel very sad.
 b. She will feel very proud.
5. a. They talk for thirty minutes.
 b. They talk for three hours.
6. a. He works a lot.
 b. He works part time.
7. a. He has family problems.
 b. He has money problems.
8. a. "It wasn't mine to spend."
 b. "It wasn't theirs to spend."

Pronunciation and Writing

Say the words from the story. Write the number of syllables in each word. Underline the stressed syllable.

1. interview _____
2. financial _____
3. relatives _____
4. truthfully _____
5. owner _____
6. interesting _____
7. belongs _____
8. stories _____
9. reporter _____
10. smiling _____
11. spending _____
12. approaching _____
13. coming _____
14. newspaper _____
15. responsibilities _____

What about you?

Circle **Yes** or **No**. Then write questions and ask your partner.

Yes **No** 1. I think Negasi will make a very interesting story.

Do you think Negasi will make a very interesting story?

Yes **No** 2. I like to share news stories in my class.

Yes **No** 3. I sometimes feel very proud of people in my family.

Yes **No** 4. I work seven days a week.

Yes **No** 5. I have relatives in another country who need help.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Do you sometimes read the newspaper? If so, what kinds of stories do you like to read?
2. How can people help their relatives in another country?
3. What could you do with \$5,000?