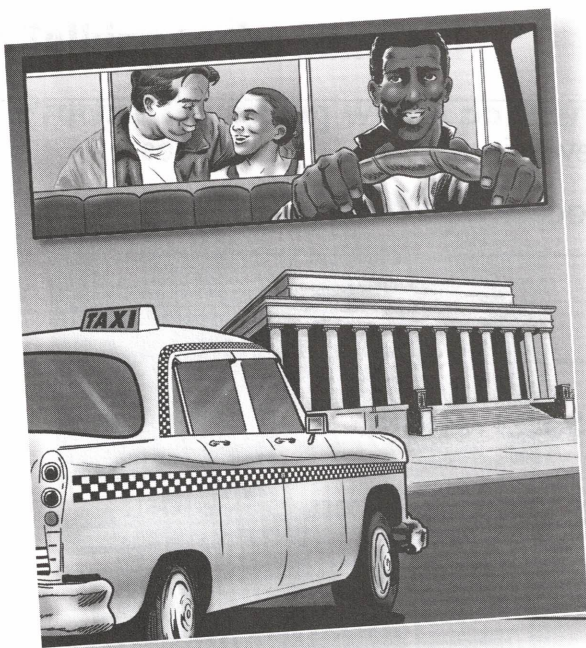


## Chapter 14 More Interviews



The next day, Negasi's story appears in the newspaper. Then it appears in other newspapers and on the Internet. Two television reporters interview Negasi. Three local radio stations call him. Everybody is talking about the taxi driver who returned \$5,000 to the police. Negasi is a little embarrassed by the attention. But he feels proud, too.

The following week is very exciting for Negasi and his family. The owner of the jewelry store invites Negasi to her store and shakes his hand. She insists that Negasi accept a \$500 reward and a beautiful gold necklace for Ayana. People all over the country send very nice letters to Negasi. Some include gift cards for stores. Desta's optometrist leaves a message on their answering machine. "Desta's new glasses are free," he says. "I'm reversing the charge on your credit card." Even Negasi's landlord calls. "There's a bigger apartment for rent in this building," she says. "You can have it. And I won't raise your rent. I really value you as a tenant."



Now it's 4:00 P.M., and Negasi is driving some tourists—a father and his young daughter—to the Lincoln Memorial. Negasi listens to their conversation. "Did you know," asks the father, "that Abraham Lincoln's nickname was Honest Abe?"

"I know," says the little girl. "But they need to build another monument—for that honest taxi driver on the news."

### Answer the questions.

1. Where does Negasi's story appear the next day?
2. Then where does it appear?
3. How many television reporters interview Negasi?
4. How many local radio stations call him?
5. What is everybody talking about?
6. Who invites Negasi to her store?
7. What does she insist that Negasi accept?
8. What do people all over the country do?
9. What message does Desta's optometrist leave on their answering machine?
10. What does their landlord say?

## Complete the sentences.

raise  
include

send  
calls

reversing  
accept

invites  
leaves

1. The owner of the jewelry store \_\_\_\_\_ Negasi to her store.
2. She insists that Negasi \_\_\_\_\_ a \$500 reward.
3. People all over the country \_\_\_\_\_ very nice letters to Negasi.
4. Some \_\_\_\_\_ gift cards for stores.
5. Desta's optometrist \_\_\_\_\_ a message on their answering machine.
6. He says, "I'm \_\_\_\_\_ the charge on your credit card."
7. Even Negasi's landlord \_\_\_\_\_.
8. She says, "You can have a bigger apartment. And I won't \_\_\_\_\_ your rent."

## Matching: Definitions

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| ___ 1. beautiful   | a. not lying; not stealing               |
| ___ 2. free        | b. feeling pleased about something good  |
| ___ 3. proud       | c. costing no money                      |
| ___ 4. honest      | d. making you feel very happy; thrilling |
| ___ 5. exciting    | e. uncomfortable; self-conscious         |
| ___ 6. embarrassed | f. very pretty; attractive               |

## Talking to the Landlord

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: There's a bigger apartment for rent in this building.

B: Oh? We really need an extra bedroom.

A: You can have it if you want it.

B: Sorry. I don't think we can afford it right now.

A: But I won't raise your rent.

B: Are you serious?

A: I'm completely serious. I really value you as a tenant.

## Lincoln Memorial

Read about the Lincoln Memorial. Then answer the questions below.

The Lincoln Memorial honors Abraham Lincoln, the sixteenth President of the United States. The memorial, designed by Henry Bacon, was modeled after ancient Greek temples. The building contains a marble sculpture of Lincoln that is 19 feet high and weighs 175 tons. It also contains inscriptions of Lincoln's famous speeches, including his Gettysburg Address. The Lincoln Memorial is the place where Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech in 1963.



1. Who does the Lincoln Memorial honor?
2. Who was it designed by? What was it modeled after?
3. How high is the marble sculpture of Lincoln?
4. How much does it weigh?
5. What does the memorial also contain?
6. What did Martin Luther King, Jr., deliver there in 1963?

## Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1.  a. This story is a secret.  
 b. Many people know about it.
2.  a. But he feels proud, too.  
 b. But he feels excited, too.
3.  a. She gives him money and jewelry.  
 b. She gives him an interview.
4.  a. Some include glasses.  
 b. Some include gift cards.
5.  a. They cost \$500.  
 b. They don't cost anything.
6.  a. He is removing it.  
 b. He is adding it.
7.  a. The owner of his building calls.  
 b. The optometrist calls.
8.  a. The rent will go up a little.  
 b. The rent won't go up.

## Pronunciation and Writing

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

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|-----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. landlord _____     | 6. reversing _____ | 11. country _____     |
| 2. nickname _____     | 7. following _____ | 12. embarrassed _____ |
| 3. Internet _____     | 8. include _____   | 13. beautiful _____   |
| 4. conversation _____ | 9. appears _____   | 14. necklace _____    |
| 5. optometrist _____  | 10. tenant _____   | 15. television _____  |

## What about you?

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

**Yes** **No** 1. I sometimes read stories on the Internet.

Do you sometimes read stories on the Internet?

**Yes** **No** 2. I sometimes include gift cards in letters or cards.

**Yes** **No** 3. I sometimes leave messages on answering machines.

**Yes** **No** 4. I sometimes get things for free.

**Yes** **No** 5. I have a nickname.

## Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Why do people sometimes give rewards?
2. For what reasons can a landlord value someone as a tenant?
3. What do you know about Abraham Lincoln?