

## Chapter 3

# The Japanese Tourists

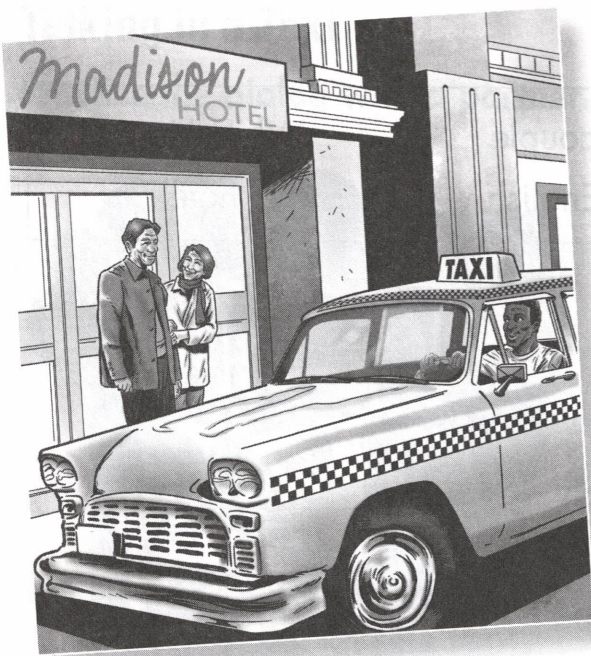


Negasi doesn't want to argue in front of a hospital at 6:00 A.M. So Negasi takes the \$20 and gives the man \$3 back. "Next time, take the bus to work," says Negasi. "My kids need to eat breakfast, too!" Then he angrily drives away.

Later that morning, Negasi gets a call to pick up some tourists in front of the Madison Hotel. Many tourists come to Washington, D.C. They want to visit the monuments, museums, and other well-known places. Negasi often picks up tourists, and they seem to like it—and give bigger tips—when he talks about the places they're visiting. "The Lincoln Memorial honors the sixteenth President of the United States," he says. Or "The National Air and Space Museum has the world's largest collection of aircraft and spacecraft."

Negasi stops in front of the hotel, and an elderly Japanese couple gets into the taxi. The man hands Negasi a piece of paper with an address: *1600 Pennsylvania Avenue*. "Oh," says Negasi. "You want to go to the White House." The woman smiles and nods her head.





"Let me tell you about the White House," says Negasi. "The White House is the home and workplace of the United States President. It was built between 1792 and 1800 . . ."

"Little English," says the man. "Speak slowly, please."

"Okay," says Negasi in a very slow voice. "The . . . White House . . . is . . . white."

### Answer the questions.

1. What doesn't Negasi want to do in front of a hospital at 6:00 A.M.?
2. How much does Negasi take? How much does he give the man back?
3. Where does Negasi get a call to pick up some tourists later that morning?
4. Where do many tourists come? What do they want to visit?
5. What do tourists seem to do when Negasi talks about the places they're visiting?
6. Who does the Lincoln Memorial honor?
7. What does the National Air and Space Museum have?
8. What is the address on a piece of paper the man hands Negasi?
9. What is the White House?
10. When was it built?

## Complete the sentences.

head  
voice

President  
address

couple  
English

White House  
hotel

1. Negasi stops in front of the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. An elderly Japanese \_\_\_\_\_ gets into the taxi.
3. The man hands Negasi a piece of paper with an \_\_\_\_\_.
4. "Oh," says Negasi. "You want to go to the \_\_\_\_\_."
5. The woman smiles and nods her \_\_\_\_\_.
6. "The White House is the home and workplace of the United States \_\_\_\_\_."
7. "Little \_\_\_\_\_," says the man. "Speak slowly, please."
8. "Okay," says Negasi in a very slow \_\_\_\_\_.

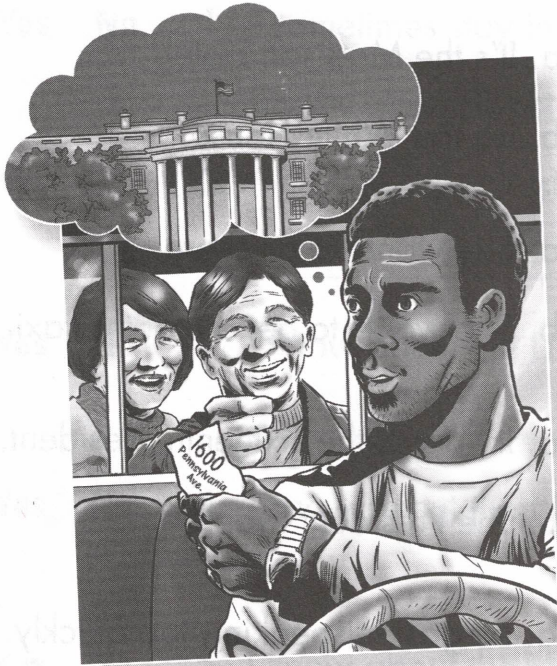
## Matching: Definitions

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|-------------------|--|
| ___ 1. talk about | a. to show respect for someone or something            |
| ___ 2. nod        | b. to fight with words; to disagree                    |
| ___ 3. hand       | c. to discuss something with someone                   |
| ___ 4. honor      | d. to go somewhere and get someone                     |
| ___ 5. pick up    | e. to give something to someone with your hand         |
| ___ 6. argue      | f. to move the head up and down to show that you agree |



## Talking in a Taxi

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: Good morning! Where to?

B: Hello.

A: Oh. You want to go to the White House.

B: Yes, please.

A: The White House is the home and workplace of the United States President. It was built between 1792 and 1800 . . .

B: Little English. Speak slowly, please.

A: The . . . White House . . . is . . . white.

## Check the good ideas.

Someone is speaking to you, but you understand only a little English. Check (✓) the things that are good to do. Write other ideas on the lines below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> smile and nod your head                 | <input type="checkbox"/> pretend to understand completely      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ask the person to please speak slowly   | <input type="checkbox"/> ask the person to say it again        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ask another person to translate for you | <input type="checkbox"/> try to repeat what the person said    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ask the person to speak louder          | <input type="checkbox"/> ask the person to be quiet            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> look up their words in a dictionary     | <input type="checkbox"/> ask the person to speak your language |
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## Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1.  a. He is very happy.  
 b. He is annoyed.
2.  a. Many people travel there.  
 b. Many people work there.
3.  a. They can see many famous things.  
 b. They can give bigger tips.
4.  a. They are younger than Negasi.  
 b. They are older than Negasi.
5.  a. It's the Madison Hotel.  
 b. It's the White House.
6.  a. She wants to go there.  
 b. She wants to get out of the taxi.
7.  a. It honors the sixteenth President.  
 b. The President lives there.
8.  a. Negasi is speaking too quickly.  
 b. Negasi is driving too fast.

## 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. couple _____     | 6. national _____  | 11. Washington _____ |
| 2. angrily _____    | 7. President _____ | 12. memorial _____   |
| 3. Japanese _____   | 8. visiting _____  | 13. tourists _____   |
| 4. spacecraft _____ | 9. monuments _____ | 14. workplace _____  |
| 5. museums _____    | 10. argue _____    | 15. elderly _____    |



## What about you?

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

**Yes** **No** 1. I sometimes stay in a hotel.

Do you sometimes stay in a hotel?

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**Yes** **No** 2. I want to visit Washington, D.C.

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**Yes** **No** 3. I know about the Lincoln Memorial.

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**Yes** **No** 4. I know about the National Air and Space Museum.

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**Yes** **No** 5. I know about the White House.

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## Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. What well-known places are there in Washington, D.C.?
2. What do tourists want to visit in your native country? What do they want to visit where you live now?
3. Where does the leader of your native country live?