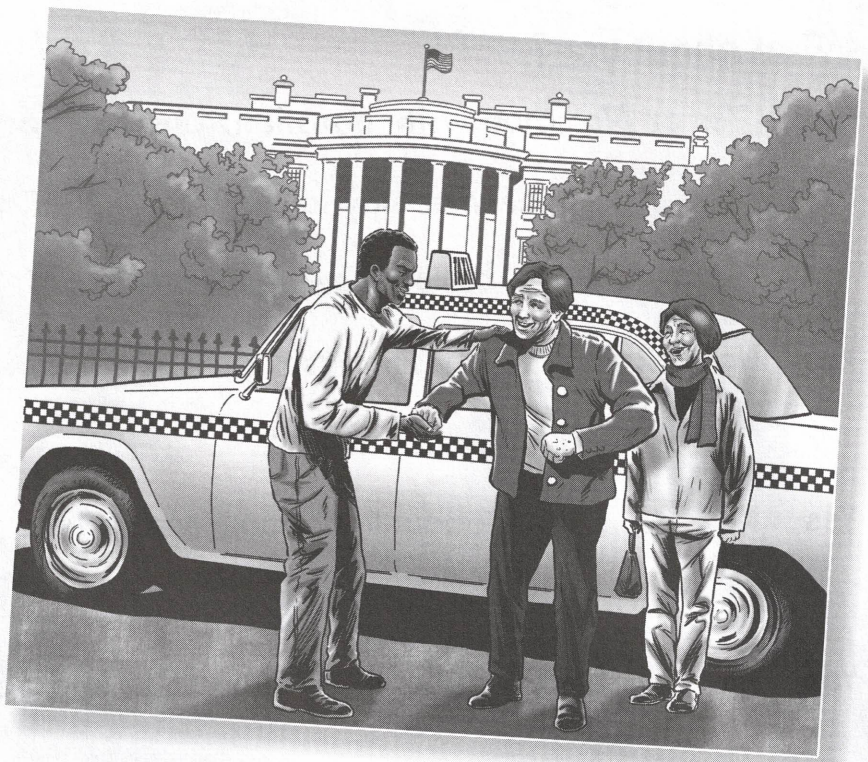


Chapter 4 Remembering



Negasi remembers when he spoke very *little English*. It was difficult when he first came to the United States. Negasi went to an adult school for three years. He studied hard and improved a lot. But he still made some mistakes. Once, a passenger in his taxi asked to go to the National Gallery of Art. But Negasi took her to the National Zoo. Well, it was the National *Something!* He can laugh about that now, but at the time it wasn't so funny.

Negasi pulls up near the White House. He helps the Japanese couple out of the back of the taxi. "Yes, it *is* white!" says the man, laughing. "Thank you!" Then he pays the fare and gives Negasi an \$8 tip.

Just then, three young people flag down Negasi. They look like college students. They want to go to the Jefferson Memorial. They get into the back of Negasi's taxi. Then Negasi says, "The Thomas Jefferson Memorial honors our third President. The bronze statue is 19 feet tall. . . ." But these passengers aren't listening to him. So Negasi stops talking.



Finally, Negasi stops near the monument, and the passengers get out. They pay Negasi, but they don't give him a tip at all. Negasi knows that Thomas Jefferson wrote that *all men are created equal*. "Maybe," thinks Negasi. "But they don't tip the same."

Answer the questions.

1. What does Negasi remember?
2. How was it when he first came to the United States?
3. How long did he go to an adult school? What did he do there?
4. Where did a passenger ask to go once? Where did Negasi take her?
5. How much does the Japanese man give Negasi for a tip?
6. How many young people flag down Negasi?
7. What do they look like? Where do they want to go?
8. What does Negasi say about the Thomas Jefferson Memorial?
9. What tip do they give him?
10. What does Negasi know that Thomas Jefferson wrote?

Complete the sentences.

made

went

studied

took

came

was

asked

spoke

1. Negasi remembers when he _____ very *little English*.
2. It was difficult when he first _____ to the United States.
3. Negasi _____ to an adult school for three years.
4. He _____ hard and improved a lot.
5. But he still _____ some mistakes.
6. Once, a passenger in his taxi _____ to go to the National Gallery of Art.
7. But Negasi _____ her to the National Zoo.
8. Well, it _____ the National *Something!*

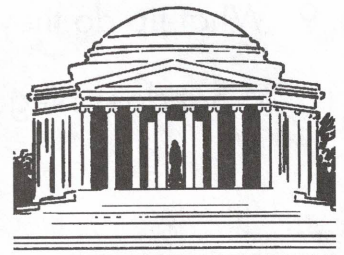
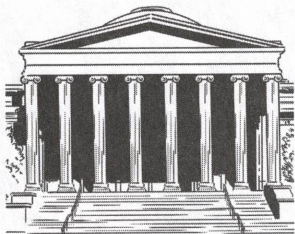
Matching

Match the words and pictures of places in Washington, D.C. Write the words on the lines below.

Jefferson Memorial

National Gallery

White House



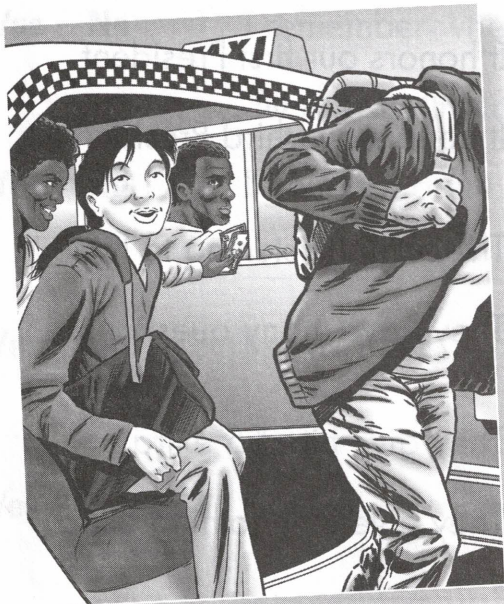
1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Talking Near the Jefferson Memorial

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: This is the Jefferson Memorial.

B: Great. What do we owe you?

A: Your fare is \$15.

B: Okay. Here is \$15.

A: Gee, thanks.

B: You're welcome. See you.

A: Hmm. *All men are created equal*. But they don't tip the same.

Thomas Jefferson Memorial

Read about the Thomas Jefferson Memorial. Then answer the questions below.

The Thomas Jefferson Memorial honors the third President of the United States. It is a key landmark in Washington, D.C., located on the shore of the Tidal Basin of the Potomac River. Modeled after the Pantheon of Rome, the Jefferson Memorial was dedicated on April 13, 1943—the 200th anniversary of Jefferson's birthday. The bronze statue of Jefferson is 19 feet tall and weighs 5 tons. The interior walls are engraved with Jefferson's writings, including *all men are created equal* from the Declaration of Independence.



1. Who does the Thomas Jefferson Memorial honor?
2. Where is it located?
3. What is it modeled after?
4. When was it dedicated?
5. How tall is the bronze statue? How much does it weigh?
6. What are the interior walls engraved with?

Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1. a. He spoke very little English.
 b. He spoke English very well.
2. a. She wanted to see animals.
 b. She wanted to see art.
3. a. He gives Negasi \$8 total.
 b. He gives Negasi \$8 extra.
4. a. They look about eighteen.
 b. They look about eighty.
5. a. It honors our first President.
 b. It honors our third President.
6. a. They aren't listening to him.
 b. They have many questions.
7. a. They give him \$5 extra.
 b. They give him nothing extra.
8. a. All people are the same.
 b. Some people are better than others.

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. statue _____ | 6. equal _____ | 11. college _____ |
| 2. created _____ | 7. remembers _____ | 12. difficult _____ |
| 3. gallery _____ | 8. honors _____ | 13. people _____ |
| 4. listening _____ | 9. English _____ | 14. adult _____ |
| 5. mistakes _____ | 10. national _____ | 15. improved _____ |

What about you?

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

Yes **No** 1. I remember when I spoke very little English.

Do you remember when you spoke very little English?

Yes **No** 2. I go to an adult school.

Yes **No** 3. I study hard.

Yes **No** 4. I sometimes give a taxi driver an \$8 tip.

Yes **No** 5. I think that all people are created equal.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Do you sometimes make mistakes in English? If so, what kinds of mistakes do you make?
2. Why do you think the three young people don't give Negasi a tip at all?
3. What do you know about Thomas Jefferson?