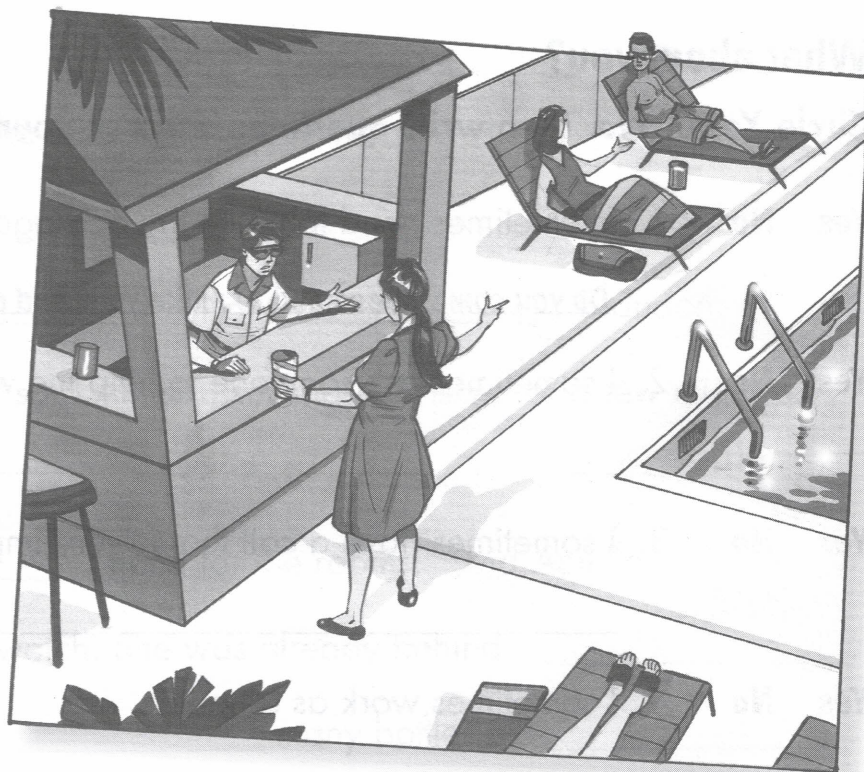


Chapter 10

Getting a Diet Soda



Amelia found Dolores and told her what she needed to do. Dolores laughed. "Guests at this hotel expect good service," she said. "Bring her a diet soda and after that, style her hair and give her a manicure."

"I'm a *housekeeper*," said Amelia. "Why is she asking me to do these things for her?"

"She's a very busy woman," said Dolores, laughing again. "But don't worry. I'll help you if you're running late."

So Amelia hurriedly walked down the hall and took the elevator to the lobby. Then she walked out the north side of the hotel where the pool was.

Amelia approached an employee at the snack bar. "May I please have a diet soda?" asked Amelia. The worker charged her \$3, but Amelia corrected him. "Oh, no," she said. "It's for the guest in Room 319." Amelia definitely wasn't going to pay for Mrs. Howard's soda, too.



There were many hotel guests on lounge chairs on all sides of the pool. Amelia held the diet soda in one hand and shaded her eyes with the other. Across the pool, she saw a woman in a yellow bathing suit, lying facedown on a lounge chair. "That's probably Mrs. Howard," thought Amelia, "because she's not watching Brandon." Amelia suddenly had a very bad feeling. She quickly turned and looked into the pool. And in the middle, Amelia saw a child deep under the water.

Answer the questions.

1. Who did Amelia find? What did she tell her?
2. What did Dolores say to bring Mrs. Howard?
3. What did she tell her to do after that?
4. How did Amelia get to the lobby? Where did she walk out?
5. Who did Amelia approach at the snack bar?
6. How much did the worker charge her? What did Amelia do?
7. What were there many hotel guests on?
8. Where did Amelia hold the diet soda?
9. What did she do with the other hand?
10. Who did she see across the pool? How was she lying?
11. What kind of feeling did Amelia suddenly have?
12. What did she look into? Who did she see in the middle?

Complete the story.

corrected
shaded
pay for

lying
charged
were

saw
held
not watching

asked
thought
approached

Amelia _____¹ an employee at the snack bar. "May I please have a diet soda?" _____² Amelia. The worker _____³ her \$3, but Amelia _____⁴ him. "Oh, no," she said. "It's for the guest in Room 319." Amelia definitely wasn't going to _____⁵ Mrs. Howard's soda, too.

There _____⁶ many hotel guests on lounge chairs on all sides of the pool. Amelia _____⁷ the diet soda in one hand and _____⁸ her eyes with the other. Across the pool, she _____⁹ a woman in a yellow bathing suit, _____¹⁰ facedown on a lounge chair. "That's probably Mrs. Howard," _____¹¹ Amelia, "because she's _____¹² Brandon."

Meanings

Read the sentences. Look at the underlined word or words. Circle *a* or *b*.

- "After that, style her hair and give her a manicure."
a. something to drink b. hand and fingernail treatment
- Amelia hurriedly walked down the hall.
a. quickly b. quietly
- Amelia held the diet soda in one hand and shaded her eyes with the other.
a. closed b. partially covered
- A woman in a yellow bathing suit was lying facedown on a lounge chair.
a. looking at the pool b. not looking at the pool

A Conversation with Dolores

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: I have to go out to the pool for a few minutes.

B: What for?

A: The guest in Room 319 wants me to bring her a diet soda.

B: Guests at this hotel expect good service.

A: Huh. I guess so.

B: So bring her a diet soda and after that, style her hair and give her a manicure.

A: I'm a *housekeeper*. Why is she asking *me* to do these things for her?

B: She's a very busy woman. But don't worry. I'll help you if you're running late.

Past-Tense Verbs

A. Write the negative form of each past-tense verb.

1. corrected _____

5. expected _____

2. found _____

6. told _____

3. brought _____

7. held _____

4. charged _____

8. saw _____

B. Write negative past-tense sentences.

1. The worker charged her \$3.

The worker didn't charge her \$3.

2. I saw a woman in a yellow bathing suit.

3. She brought her a diet soda.

4. We told her what we needed to do.

5. The housekeepers found Dolores.

Listening

Listen to the sentences. Write the missing word or words.

1. "Guests at this hotel expect good _____," she said.
2. "Bring her a diet soda and after that, style her hair and give her a _____."
3. Amelia hurriedly walked down the hall and took the _____ to the lobby.
4. Then she walked out the _____ side of the hotel where the pool was.
5. Amelia approached an employee at the _____.
6. Amelia _____ wasn't going to pay for Mrs. Howard's soda, too.
7. Amelia held the diet soda in one hand and _____ her eyes with the other.
8. Across the _____, she saw a woman in a _____ bathing suit.
9. She was lying _____ on a lounge chair.
10. Amelia _____ had a very bad _____.

Pronunciation

Check (✓) *d*, *t*, or *id* to show the pronunciation of the final sound in the past-tense verbs below.

	d	t	id		d	t	id
1. turned	_____	_____	_____	5. approached	_____	_____	_____
2. corrected	_____	_____	_____	6. charged	_____	_____	_____
3. shaded	_____	_____	_____	7. expected	_____	_____	_____
4. needed	_____	_____	_____	8. styled	_____	_____	_____

What about you?

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

Yes No 1. I always expect good service.

Do you always expect good service?

Yes No 2. I sometimes get a manicure.

Yes No 3. I sometimes ask people to do things for me.

Yes No 4. I sometimes help my co-workers if they are running late.

Yes No 5. I sometimes buy things at a snack bar.

Yes No 6. I sometimes lie facedown on a lounge chair.

Yes No 7. I always watch children when they are in a pool.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Why do you think Mrs. Howard asks Amelia to do many things for her?
2. What things do guests do when they stay at a hotel?
3. Why is it very important to watch a child in a pool?