

Chapter 3 Thinking



Amelia put her suitcase behind the sofa. Then Eduardo took Amelia on a short tour of their small one-bedroom apartment. Amelia knew that her brother and his wife didn't live in a mansion. But somehow she expected their home in the U.S. to be nicer than it was.

Amelia sat down, and Eduardo poured her a glass of lemonade. Eduardo talked about the very high rents they had to pay in southern California. "We're lucky, though," he said. "It's just our family in this apartment. Many people in this building live with other families."

A few minutes later, Marisol and Francisco arrived home from the park. Amelia hugged and kissed them. She was so happy to meet her nephew for the first time. Then they all spent a nice evening together—eating, laughing, and relaxing. But after a while, Eduardo looked at his watch. "We have to get up early, Amelia," he said. "You need to come to the hotel with me in the morning. I want to introduce you to a few people."



Amelia spent a restless night on the sofa. She couldn't stop thinking about tomorrow. It was summer, and Eduardo said the hotel needed workers. Amelia spoke some English. She was well educated. She hoped there was an office position for her.

At 4:30 the next morning, Eduardo came into the living room. "We need to leave soon, Amelia," he said. "It's a long trip to the hotel."

Answer the questions.

1. Where did Amelia put her suitcase?
2. What did Eduardo take Amelia on?
3. How did Amelia expect Eduardo and Marisol's home in the U.S. to be?
4. What did Eduardo pour her a glass of? What did he talk about?
5. Who arrived home from the park a few minutes later?
6. Who was Amelia happy to meet for the first time?
7. What did they spend a nice evening together doing?
8. What kind of night did Amelia spend on the sofa?
9. What couldn't she stop thinking about?
10. What season was it? What did Eduardo say the hotel needed?
11. How much English did Amelia speak? How educated was she?
12. What kind of position did she hope there was for her?

Complete the story.

poured
took
spent

relaxing
had to pay
put

live with
arrived
hugged

knew
talked about
expected

Amelia _____¹ her suitcase behind the sofa. Then Eduardo _____² Amelia on a short tour of their small one-bedroom apartment. Amelia _____³ that her brother and his wife didn't live in a mansion. But somehow she _____⁴ their home in the U.S. to be nicer than it was. Amelia sat down, and Eduardo _____⁵ her a glass of lemonade. Eduardo _____⁶ the very high rents they _____⁷ in southern California. "We're lucky, though," he said. "It's just our family in this apartment. Many people in this building _____⁸ other families." A few minutes later, Marisol and Francisco _____⁹ home from the park. Amelia _____¹⁰ and kissed them. Then they all _____¹¹ a nice evening together—eating, laughing, and _____¹².

Meanings

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

- Amelia knew that her brother and his wife didn't live in a mansion.
a. very small home b. very large home
- She was so happy to meet her nephew for the first time.
a. brother's wife b. brother's son
- Amelia spent a restless night on the sofa.
a. not peaceful b. relaxing
- Amelia spoke some English. She was well educated.
a. was unemployed b. had many years of school

A Conversation After a Nice Evening

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: Oh, look at the time.

B: Yes, it's getting late.

A: And we have to get up early, Amelia.

B: Really? Why?

A: You need to come to the hotel with me in the morning. I want to introduce you to a few people.

B: Oh, right. What time do we need to get up?

A: I usually get up at about 4:30.

Past-Tense Verbs

A. Write the present tense of the irregular past-tense verbs below.

1. _____ spoke

5. _____ said

2. _____ put

6. _____ came

3. _____ took

7. _____ knew

4. _____ spent

8. _____ sat down

B. Write negative past-tense sentences.

1. I looked at my watch.

I didn't look at my watch.

2. He poured her a glass of lemonade.

3. The hotel needed workers.

4. We came into the living room.

5. You spoke English.

6. They talked about the high rents.

Listening

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

1. Amelia put her _____ behind the sofa.
2. Eduardo took Amelia on a short _____ of their small one-bedroom apartment.
3. Amelia knew that her brother and his _____ didn't live in a _____.
4. But somehow she expected their _____ in the U.S. to be nicer than it was.
5. Amelia sat down, and Eduardo poured her a _____ of lemonade.
6. "We're _____, though," he said. "It's just our _____ in this apartment."
7. Marisol and Francisco arrived home from the _____.
8. Amelia hugged and _____ them.
9. She was so _____ to meet her _____ for the first time.
10. Then they all spent a _____ evening _____.

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. expected	_____	_____	_____	5. poured	_____	_____	_____
2. talked about	_____	_____	_____	6. hugged	_____	_____	_____
3. laughed	_____	_____	_____	7. hoped	_____	_____	_____
4. arrived	_____	_____	_____	8. kissed	_____	_____	_____

What about you?

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

Yes **No** 1. I think that rents are very high in my community.

Do you think that rents are very high in your community?

Yes **No** 2. I live with another family.

Yes **No** 3. I like to spend nice evenings eating, laughing, and relaxing.

Yes **No** 4. I have to get up early for work.

Yes **No** 5. I sometimes spend a restless night on the sofa.

Yes **No** 6. I speak some English.

Yes **No** 7. I think that I am well educated.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. How much rent do most people pay for a one-bedroom apartment in your community? Do people in your native country pay more or less than that?
2. Do you think Amelia can get an office position at the hotel? Why or why not?
3. What kind of job do you hope to have in the future?