

The Road Less Travelled

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Episode 8: Sal and Rich

Worksheet

The story so far

Katie has arrived at the airport in Los Angeles, leaving her life in Britain behind. Her cousin Sal is there to pick her up.



Listening

1. Listen to the episode. What is the relationship between Katie, Sal and Rich? What happens that might make Katie nervous?

2. Listen again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where is Rich?
- 2 Where does Sal go?
- 3 What does Rich say about Katie and the photos he saw of her?
- 4 What is Rich's job?

Language: Emphasis and short answers

1. Read the note about auxiliary verbs.

In addition to making negatives and questions, auxiliary verbs can be used for emphasis.

Normal speech: *I've heard lots about you.*

Emphatic: *I have heard lots about you.*

Normal speech: *You know where it is.*

Emphatic: *You do know where it is.*

They can also be used as question tags.

I'm used to waiting.

Are you?

Sal told me you work in a bar.

Did she?

2. Make these sentences more emphatic by changing the underlined verb.

1. We've studied this before.
2. Rich speaks Spanish, you know.
3. Sal visited England last summer.

3. Write question tag responses for these sentences

1. I work at a school. _____? I thought you worked in a restaurant.
2. I've been to Portugal. _____? I thought you had only been to Spain.
3. I'm married. _____? I thought you were single.
4. I've got two brothers. _____? I thought you had one brother.

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4. Work in pairs. Change the information in 3 so it's true for you.

Speaking

Answer the questions.

1. How would you describe Rich? Think of looks, as well as personality.
2. If you were in Katie's position, what would you tell Sal about her boyfriend Rich?
3. Think of three possible ways the story could continue. Exchange ideas with another student.



Transcript

KATIE: Sal, who's that guy standing by the car?

SAL: That's Rich!

RICH: Heey babe! You saw me!

SAL: I did darling! [Sal gives Rich a kiss] Rich, this is my cousin Katie. Katie, this is my boyfriend, Rich.

RICH: Hi Katie, good to meet you. I have heard lots of things about you.

KATIE: Hello Rich. I hope you haven't been waiting too long.

RICH: Don't worry, Sal's not a good example of British punctuality. I'm used to waiting.

SAL: Are you? Hmm. I'll go and pay for the parking ticket at the machine over there.

RICH: Okay baabe! You do know where it is, right?

SAL: Very funny! [Sal walks over to the machine]

RICH: Sooooo, Katie.

KATIE: Hi again.

RICH: You're even prettier in real life than in the photos Sal showed me.

KATIE: [Laughs with embarrassment] Sal told me you work in a bar.

RICH: Oh, did she? What she meant to say was that I own a club.

KATIE: Oh, sorry. Anyway, thanks a lot for coming to the airport to get me.

RICH: No problem honey. Any time. Anything for a beautiful lady.

KATIE: Here's Sal.

SAL: Right, all paid. Let's go. What was that about a beautiful lady? Are you talking about me again Rich? [Sal laughs]

RICH: That's right darling. Okay. Let's go!

SAL: So, tell me all about England...



Answers

Listening

1. Katie and Sal are cousins. Rich is Sal's boyfriend. Katie gets nervous because Rich is giving her compliments when Sal isn't listening.



1. Standing by the car.
2. To the machine to pay the parking ticket.
3. That she is more beautiful in real life than in the photos he saw.
4. He owns a club

Language: Making requests

2. Make these sentences more emphatic by changing the underlined verb.

1. We have studied this before.
2. Rich does speak Spanish, you know.
3. Sal did visit England last summer.

3. Write question tag responses for these sentences.

1. Do you?
2. Have you?
3. Are you?
4. Have you? (possibly 'Do you?')