

The Road Less Travelled

Episode 1: Flowers

The story so far:

Sal and Rich are going to get married, but Rich kissed Katie in the car park outside Rich's club. Katie hasn't told Sal about this. She is also thinking about Michael Mensah, the man she met on the airplane and at the commercial audition.



Listening

1. Listen to the episode and answer the questions.

- What happens?
- What does Katie think?

2. Listen again. Choose the correct answer.

- a) Rich doesn't come to the club, he spends all the time _____.
- in the office at home at Sal's
- b) There is a big bouquet of flowers _____ for Katie.
- in the back room at the front of the club in Rich's office
- c) There was _____ on the flowers.
- a note no note a ring
- d) Katie doesn't think the flowers are from Mark because Mark _____ give her flowers.
- always used to never used to wanted to
- e) Katie congratulates Rich on _____.
- the flowers the club the wedding
- f) Katie asks Rich if he _____.
- sent the flowers loves Sal feels ill
- g) _____ wonders if she has a secret admirer.
- Rich Katie Sal

Language

3. Match the words in bold to the meaning or use in the box.

similar as if used when you pause to enjoy something want

- a) It's **like** he's avoiding the place.
- b) He doesn't **like** doing things like that.

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- c) Just **like** in the movies!
- d) I'd **like** someone to send me flowers.
- e) ... I've been **like** pretty busy actually.

4. Complete the sentences below with ideas of your own. Compare with a partner.

- I like watching ... on television. (type of show)
- I think Katie looks like... (a famous actor)
- Rich looks like... (a famous actor)
- In *The Road Less Travelled*, I'd like... (what would you like to happen next?)

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Discussion

- 5.** Who do you think sent Katie the flowers?
Have you ever sent someone flowers or received flowers from someone?
Do you think sending flowers is romantic, or old fashioned? What are other romantic things?
What do you think is going to happen next?



Answer key

Listening

2.
 - a) Rich doesn't come to the club, he spends all the time *in the office*.
 - b) There is a big bouquet of flowers *in the back room* for Katie.
 - c) There was *no note* on the flowers.
 - d) Katie doesn't think the flowers are from Mark because Mark *never used to* give her flowers.
 - e) Katie congratulates Rich on *the wedding*.
 - f) Katie asks Rich if he *sent the flowers*.
 - g) *Katie* wonders if she has a secret admirer.



Language

3.
 - a) as if
 - b) to enjoy something
 - c) similar
 - d) want
 - e) used when you pause
4. Individual answers will vary.

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Transcript

KATIE: OK. Here you are. Two cokes...

CUSTOMER: Thanks.

SHARON: Hiya Katie, you can go.

KATIE: Great, thanks Sharon. Have you seen Rich?

SHARON: Nope. He hardly ever comes in here now. He's in his office all the time. Dunno what's wrong with him. It's like he's avoiding the place.

KATIE: Hmm.

SHARON: Who are the flowers from, by the way?

KATIE: Huh? What flowers?

SHARON: Didn't you see? There's a big bouquet of flowers for you in the back room of the club.

KATIE: What?!

SHARON: Yeah, a guy came and delivered them this evening. There wasn't a note or anything!

KATIE: Oh.

SHARON: Hey, do you think it's your ex-boyfriend? The guy who was in here last week?

KATIE: I don't think so... Mark never gave me flowers in the three years we were together. He doesn't like doing things like that. No, it can't be Mark.

SHARON: Wow, how exciting! You must have a real secret admirer Katie! Just like in the movies!

KATIE: Hmm, great. Well, I'd better go and see them I guess.

SHARON: Hey, why are you so down? I'd like someone to send me flowers.

KATIE: Hm. They're beautiful, all my favourites, in one bouquet!

RICH: Oh, hi Katie.

KATIE: Yeah, hi Rich. Haven't seen you for a while.

RICH: Yes. Well babe, I've been like pretty busy actually.

KATIE: Congratulations on the wedding.

RICH: Thanks.

RICH: Nice flowers. Who are they for?

KATIE: Me.

RICH: Oh.

KATIE: Err... just tell me Rich. Are these from you?

RICH: Hey, sorry but no. It ain't me, babe.

KATIE: Oh.

RICH: Anyway, I'd better go.

KATIE: Yeah, me too. Bye.

KATIE: Hmm, maybe I really do have a secret admirer?

