

# The Road Less Travelled

## Episode 5: The Internet café

### The story so far:

Katie has found that Facebook is a great way to keep in touch with her friends back in the UK. After the incident with Rich and the news that Sal's going to marry him, she has lots to tell her friends about so she goes to her local Internet café.



## Listening

1. Listen to the episode and then decide what Katie would write as her status on her Facebook page.

Katie ...

2. Now listen again. Are the sentences true or false? Correct the false ones.

- a) It costs one dollar per hour to use the Internet in the café.
- b) Katie wants to check her MySpace page.
- c) Mark met Candy at a football match.
- d) Candy's going to go back to Scotland with Mark.
- e) Mark saw Rich kissing Katie in the car park.

## Language: Expressing enthusiasm

### Language note:

Candy uses the following structures a lot:

- *so* + adjective (*It's so great*)
- *totally* + adjective (*I'm totally bored*)
- *totally* + verb phrase (*I totally love it*)

This is a very informal way of speaking, and is characteristic of some young people. Note that some people think that this way of speaking is very annoying!

3. Put *so* or *totally* into these sentences in the appropriate place. More than one answer may be possible.

It's nice to meet you Katie.

I've heard much about you.

Mark is taking me back to England with him. Isn't that amazing?

I'm looking forward to it.

I'm bored with life here in the US.

I need to change my life.

It's boring.

England is going to be much more interesting for me.

Mark is sweet.

## Discussion

- How do you think Katie feels when she sees Mark with Candy?
- What do you imagine Candy looks like? Describe her to your partner.
- Do you think Candy will enjoy her trip to England as much as she expects to?
- Do you think Mark and Candy will stay together as a couple? Why / why not?

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(ASSISTANT, hereafter ASST)

KATIE: Hi, how much is it to use the Internet?

ASST: One dollar every ten minutes.

KATIE: OK, which computer?

ASST: Computer number three.

KATIE: Thanks.

MARK: Katie?

KATIE: Mark! Hi.

MARK: What are you doing here?

KATIE: Umm, just checking my Facebook page.

MARK: Oh.

CANDY: Mark ...?

MARK: Oh yeah. Sorry. Katie, this is Candy. Candy, this is Katie.

CANDY: It's so nice to meet you Katie.

KATIE: Hello. Yes. It's nice to ... um ... meet you too.

CANDY: I've heard so much about you!

KATIE: Really?

CANDY: Yeah! From Mark.

KATIE: How, um, did you meet each other?

MARK: Well, I was uh, I was at a...

CANDY: We met at an LA Galaxy game.

KATIE: You're a football fan?

CANDY: I love soccer.

MARK: Yes. We just met, and erm ...

CANDY: Well Mark. Aren't you going to tell her?

MARK: Ummm...

KATIE: Tell me what?

CANDY: Mark is taking me back to England with him. Isn't that *totally* amazing? We're going to see a Manchester United game. In Manchester!

KATIE: That sounds great.

MARK: Yeah. Candy's really looking forward to it.

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CANDY: I'm *totally* looking forward to it. I'm so bored with life here in the US. It's *totally* boring. England is going to be so much more interesting for me.

KATIE: Really? I don't know ...

CANDY: You know, I just feel like I *totally* need to change my life. Do you know what I mean?

KATIE: Yes, I suppose.

CANDY: Anyway, and Mark is so sweet.

KATIE: Mmm.

MARK: Anyway, Katie. It's uh, it's good to see you again.

KATIE: Thanks. Good luck. And good luck to you too ... Candy.

CANDY: Thanks!

MARK: I uh, I hope it all works out for you here in Los Angeles. With your new boyfriend.

KATIE: Boyfriend?

MARK: Rich. The, the guy that threw me out of the club.

KATIE: What?

MARK: I saw you and Rich kissing in the car park.

KATIE: You ... He's ... He's not my boyfriend!

MARK: Whatever. It's okay. I just hope you're happy. Goodbye Katie.

CANDY: Goodbye. So nice to meet you.

KATIE: Yeah. Bye.



### Answer key

#### Teacher's notes

If you're not familiar with Facebook, it's an online social-networking tool, so for question 1 students should write how they think Katie is feeling after the chance encounter with Mark and Candy. If you are familiar with Facebook you may want to look at Katie's Facebook page. Search for *Katie London* and feel free to write on her wall or send Katie a message! You can also find out more about Katie's facebook page on onestopenglish.



#### Listening

1. Students' own answers. For example, *Katie is feeling surprised* or *Katie is in an Internet café in LA and has just met her ex ... with his new girlfriend!*
2. a) False. It costs one dollar for ten minutes.  
b) False. She wants to check her Facebook page.  
c) True  
d) False. Candy is going back to England with Mark.  
e) True

#### Language

3. It's *so/totally* nice to meet you Katie.  
I've heard *so* much about you.  
Mark is taking me back to England with him. Isn't that *totally/so* amazing?  
I'm *totally/so* looking forward to it.  
I'm *totally/so* bored with life here in the US.  
I *totally* need to change my life.  
It's *totally/so* boring.  
England is going to be *so* much more interesting for me.  
Mark is *totally/so* sweet.