

SCENE 21 • NUMBER 7

Fünf vor neun

Monday, your first day. At five to nine exactly, a neat man in a blue shirt waits at the office door: the man from the café. "I am Thomas. You are late."

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1b, 2b

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b, 2c

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1c, 2c

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Becker. B, E, C, K, E, R., Was ist das? Ein graues Haar. Von Mikesch?

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 23451

Words: Fünf vor neun

VOCABULARY & WRITING

W1) WHAT DOES IT MEAN?: 1a, 2c, 3a, 4b, 5c, 6b

W2) USE THE WORDS IN CONTEXT: 1: vor, 1: um, 1: Schreibtisch, 1: Computer, 1: Minuten

W3) I'M NOT LATE!: 1: vor, 2: Schreibtisch, 3: Computer, 4: Maus

W4) CONNECT THE MEANINGS: 1e, 2f, 3c, 4a, 5b, 6d

Grammar: Fünf vor neun

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL FORMS: 1) um neun, 2) fünf vor neun, 3) um Viertel vor neun, 4) von neun bis halb sechs

G2) READ THE CLOCK: 1a, 2a, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6a

G3) AN EXACT TIME OR A PERIOD?: 1b, 2c, 3c, 4a

G4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: fünf vor neun, 2: um, 1: Viertel vor neun, 1: von, 2: bis, 1: halb eins

G5) PUT THE MESSAGE TOGETHER: Wie spät ist es?, Ich komme um Viertel vor neun., Die Arbeit beginnt um neun., Die Pause dauert dreißig Minuten.

G6) RESPOND TO THE SITUATION: 1a, 2a

Translation

Monday, five to nine. At the door of the furniture company, a neat man in a light-blue shirt waits and taps his watch.

- Good morning. Thomas Kühn. You are running late.
- Late? It is only five to nine.
- Work starts at nine. I am here at quarter to nine every day.
- Quarter to nine? That early? Every day?
- Wait. I know you from the café. Table three!
- And you are my new colleague. From number seven. The house with the tomcat.
- Yes. But Mikesch is not mine.

A bright office. Two wooden desks by the big factory window. He presents the empty desk with an open hand. His own desk next to it is perfectly tidy, pens in a straight row.

- This is your desk. The computer is by the window. I sit next to you.
- For the email address I need your surname. How do you spell it?
- Becker. B, E, C, K, E, R.

He sticks a small yellow note exactly in the middle of the computer screen.

■ Good. Your address is becker@moebel-linde.de. I will write it down for you.

○ Until what time do we work?

■ From nine until half past five. With half an hour for lunch.

○ So eight hours of work?

■ Exactly. Eight hours of work and thirty minutes of break.

He holds one grey hair up to his glasses. It came off the grey jacket on the back of your chair.

■ What is that? A grey hair. From Mikesch?

○ Yes. Sorry, Mr Kühn.

He pushes his desk one metre away and measures the gap with a yellow folding ruler.

■ Then one metre of distance, please.

While he sets up your email address, he sees a grey hair on your jacket. "Is this... a cat hair?" He moves his desk one metre away. He measures it.