

SCENE 50 • NUMBER 7

Ik blijf

Saturday evening. Emma asks you to come down to the courtyard "just for one minute". Everyone is there, with lights, your kitchen table (the café's old one) and a cake that says "Staying". Thomas holds Max in his arms. The only thing that could not come is the yellow sofa.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1b, 2c, 3a

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b, 2c, 3b

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1b, 2c, 3c

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Thomas! U hebt de kat in uw armen!, Jij bent ook teruggekomen., Eén minuutje? Nou, goed...

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 42513

Words: Ik blijf

VOCABULARY & WRITING

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

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: Kom, 1: goed, 1: Maar, 1: Ja, 1: lijst

W3) WHERE'S MY CONTRACT? IT WAS ON THE TABLE!: 1: contract, 2: idee, 3: dak, 4: ons

W4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: Kom, 1: goed, 1: Maar, 1: Ja, 1: lijst

Grammar: Ik blijf

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN: 1) blijf, 2) omdat, 3) want, 4) besloten

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM: 1b, 2c, 3a, 4c, 5c, 6b, 7a, 8c

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES: 1: want, 1: besloten, 1: komt, 1: ga, 1: rijdt, 1: Bedankt

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE: Ik blijf hier., Ik blijf, omdat iedereen mijn naam kent., Ik blijf, want ik ken iedereen., Gisteren heb ik besloten., In juli komt Anna., Morgen ga ik werken.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?: 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS: 1e, 2c, 3d, 4g, 5f, 6h, 7a, 8b

Translation

Saturday evening. Emma knocks on your door.

- Come down to the courtyard! Just for one minute!
- For one minute? Well, all right...

The courtyard is full of lights. Everyone is there, round a long table: your kitchen table, the café's old one. Only the yellow sofa couldn't come.

- ▲ Surprise!
- But... you were all busy!
- ▲ Yes. We were busy here.

Thomas is holding Max in his arms. Max purrs.

- I had a list. Item three, 'something': the party.
- Thomas! You're holding the cat!
- A new rule. Number eight: on Saturdays the cat sits in my arms.

On the cake, in cream: „Staying!“

- ▲ And here's the cake.
- 'Staying'? But I haven't said anything yet!
- ▲ I know. I baked it yesterday morning.

- All right. Now listen, everyone.
- The capital is big, and the job is good. But yesterday I called the capital.
- And I said: thank you, but no. I'm staying, because here everyone knows my name.

■ Lena is staying! Lena is staying!

Joost raises his glass to you.

- You came back too.

Anne smiles at her daughter.

- △ You see? My daughter's prescription helped.

Mieke hands you a page of her form: the flat, one more year, your name spelled right, „Staying: yes“.

■ Here. The last page.

- The flat, one more year... My surname, without mistakes! And the date is from last Monday!
- How did you know?
- But I only decided yesterday!

■ I know everything.

She puts the old key from the attic on the form.

- And here is your key.

You call Anna.

- Anna? I'm staying. But in July you're coming to visit me.
- I know, Lucie told me. Shame, but I understand.
- In July? Great! I'll come! And what will we do?
- We'll take the train to the lake. If the train runs.

You tell them: the city is big and the job is good, but you are staying, because here everyone knows your name. Mevrouw De Vries hands you the last page of the form: the flat, one more year, your name spelled right, "Staying: yes", dated last Monday. "How did you know?" "I know everything." You call Anna: "Come and visit in July. We go to the lake." Joost plays, with his own mouthpiece again, Max jumps onto the bench, and Mevrouw De Vries, who asked you so many questions on the first night, now only says: "Good evening, neighbour."