

SCENE 29 • NUMBER 7

Pjan B

Plan B is the bus. Tonio is sure it is the number 5. It is not. You get off in a park you have never seen, full of people running and playing football. A tourist asks you the way.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1b

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1b

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1c

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Iva. Bil-ħamsa saċ-Ċirkewwa, u mbagħad bil-vapur għal Għawdex. Dejjem.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 42531

Words: Pjan B

VOCABULARY & WRITING

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

W2) PLAN B: 1: waqfa, 1: ċert, 1: ġnien, 1: jilagħbu, 2: futbol, 1: noqgħod

W3) FOOTBALL WITH ĊIKKU: 1: waqfa, 2: fejn, 3: toqgħod, 4: nilgħab

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

Grammar: Għall-Belt, fil-Belt, mill-Belt

GRAMMAR

G1) FIND THE WORDS: 1) immorru, għal, 2) immur, għall-istazzjon, 3) jimxi, mill-ġnien, 4) fis-suq, timxi, mis-suq, 5) f'Għawdex, 6) fil-Belt, mill-Belt

G2) WHERE TO, WHERE, WHERE FROM?: 1c, 2b, 3a, 4a, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, 10a

G3) WHERE, AND HOW?: 1a, 2a, 3c, 4a, 5c, 6a, 7a, 8c, 9a, 10c

G4) IMMUR, NIMXI: 1b, 2a, 3a, 4a, 5c, 6b, 7b, 8c, 9a, 10c

G5) A SUNDAY OUT: 1: mill-istazzjon, 1: bil-vapur, 2: għal, 1: fil-ġnien, 2: jimxu, 1: immur, 2: għall-istazzjon, 1: Bil-mixi, 1: nimxu, 1: jimxi, 2: mill-ġnien, 1: tmur, 2: mis-suq

G6) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Jien immur għall-Belt bil-karozza tal-linja., Nistennew fl-istazzjon, imbagħad nitilqu., Lina tmur għas-suq bil-mixi., Ella tmur għall-ġnien ma' Ċikku., Il-vapur f'Mgarr fl-għaxra., Ġorġ imur il-Belt, u jiġi lura mill-Belt bil-lejl., Il-ġirien imorru s-suq kull Sibb., Jien nimxi dritt, u int timxi wara Ċikku., Intom timxu ħafna, hux?, Ejja nimxu wara Ċikku!

G7) THE RIGHT WORDS: 1c, 2a, 3b, 4b, 5b, 6b, 7b, 8b**Translation**

At the bus stop in front of the station.

- Plan B: the number 5 bus, from this stop.
- Are you sure? Number five?
- Yes. On the five to Ċirkewwa, and then by ferry to Gozo. Always.

Forty minutes later you get off the bus in a big park.

- Tonio, this isn't Ċirkewwa. It's a park!
- There's no park in plan B.
- Look how many people there are! They're running, walking and playing football.

A woman in a red rain jacket with a paper map comes up to you.

- ▲ Excuse me, where is the station?
- Sorry, I'm not from here. I'm from Germany, but I live here now.
- ▲ You speak Maltese very well!
- Thank you, I'm learning. And you, where are you from?
- ▲ From Canada. I'm learning too. How do I get to the station? By bus?

Tonio studies her map for a long time before he answers.

- No, not by bus! On foot it's twenty minutes: straight on, then left.

A grey tomcat with a torn ear walks past, tail high.

- Look! That's Ċikku! A long way from home!

- A cat? Here? No...

- Come on, let's follow Ċikku!

Ċikku leads all three of you through the trees, over the ridge and down the hill to the ferry quay at Ċirkewwa. Across the water lies Gozo.

- The quay at Ċirkewwa! And there's Gozo! Ċikku knows the way!

For the first time, Tonio smiles.

- That's not in the plan.

- ▲ Very pretty. But where's the station?

"Sorry, I'm not from here. I'm from ..., but I live here now." Then a grey cat with a torn ear walks past. Ċikku, far from home. You follow him, all three of you, and he leads you to the quay at Ċirkewwa, where you can see Gozo. "This is not in the plan." The tourist still wants the station. You end up on a bench by the quay, Ċikku asleep on Tonio's rucksack.