

SCENE 47 • NUMBER 7

Intervija

The capital: big, loud, grey. The interviewer wants to know everything: who you are, where you are from, which languages you speak, what you can do, why you came to the town, when you can start. On the train back, you read flat ads: thirty square metres, €900 a month.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1a, 2b

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

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

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Ko jūs protat darīt?, Muris? Nē...
Tas nav Muris.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 14253

Words: Intervija

VOCABULARY & WRITING

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

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: Manī, 1: Labdien, 1: Es, 1: Pastāstiet, 1: Kādās

W3) GOOD DAY. I'M ELĪNA. PLEASE SIT DOWN.: 1: Apsēdieties, 2: darāt, 3: atslēgas, 4: Darbs

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

Grammar: Dzīvoju, dzīvoju desmit gadus

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN: 1) gadus, 2) marta, 3) vāciete, 4) inženiere

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

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES: 1: vāciete, 1: inženiere, 1: protu, 1: varu, 1: atbraucu, 1: atbraucāt

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE: Es dzīvoju te desmit gadus., Es strādāju te kopš marta., Es esmu vāciete., Es esmu inženiere., Es protu projektēt mēbeles., Es varu sākt.

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

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

Translation

Monday, ten o'clock. The capital is big, loud and grey. A glass office on the eighth floor.

- Good day. I am Sāra Fernandesa. Please sit down.
- I'm Spanish, but I've lived here for ten years now. So we'll speak Latvian.
- Tell me about yourself. Where are you from? What do you do?
 - I'm Lena Becker. I'm German, from Hamburg. I'm thirty.
 - I'm an engineer. I work at a furniture company, in a small town by the river.
- Which languages do you speak?
 - German, English and a little Latvian.
- Not a little. You speak well.
- And what can you do?
 - I can design furniture. And I can look after a cat.

She laughs.

- A cat?
 - It's a long story.

■ Why did you come to that little town?

○ For the job. But now... for the people.

■ When will you be able to start?

○ My trial period ends on the thirtieth of June.

She stands up and holds out her hand.

■ Excellent. The job is yours. Can you start on the first of July?

○ So soon? I need to think about it.

■ Of course. I'll wait for your answer until Friday.

Outside the office, a grey cat sits on a wall. It is not Muris.

○ Muris? No... Not Muris.

On the train back, you read flat ads on your phone.

○ Flat in the centre. Thirty square metres. Nine hundred euros a month.

○ Nine hundred! And without a cat.

They offer you the job on the spot. Outside, a grey cat sits on a wall. It is not Muris. And you notice that you want to go home, and that home now means number 7.