

SCENE 47 • NUMBER 7

Het gesprek

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, nine hundred and fifty euros a month.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1a, 2a

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

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

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: En wat kunt u?, Max? Nee... Niet Max.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 54213

Words: Het gesprek

VOCABULARY & WRITING

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

W2) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: Gaat, 1: kom, 1: Vertel, 1: kom, 1: werk

W3) GOOD DAY. I'M EMMA. PLEASE SIT DOWN.: 1: zitten, 2: werk, 3: sleutels, 4: baan

W4) COMPLETE THE CONVERSATION: 1: Gaat, 1: kom, 1: Vertel, 1: kom, 1: werk

Grammar: Ik woon hier al tien jaar

GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE USEFUL PATTERN: 1) woon, 2) sinds, 3) ben, 4) ontwerpen

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

G3) COMPLETE THE MESSAGES: 1: ben, 1: ontwerpen, 1: uzelf, 1: op, 1: na, 1: nadenken

G4) BUILD A SENTENCE: Ik woon hier al tien jaar., Ik werk hier sinds maart., Ik ben naar deze stad gekomen., Ik kan meubels ontwerpen., Vertel iets over uzelf., Ik begin op één juli.

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 Lucie. Please sit down.
- I'm Spanish, but I've lived here for ten years now. So we'll speak Dutch.
- 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 Dutch.
- 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 Max.

○ Max? No... Not Max.

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

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

○ Nine hundred and fifty! And without a cat.

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