

SCENE 47 • NUMBER 7

L-intervista

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 bus back, you read flat ads: thirty square metres, €1,200 a month.

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: Ilni nitgħallem tliet xhur. Il-kollega tiegħi jgħinni kuljum.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 54321

Words: L-intervista

VOCABULARY & WRITING

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

W2) THE INTERVIEW: 1: ilni, 2: snin, 1: ilek, 1: xhur, 2: Marzu, 1: niddisinja, 1: naħseb, 2: fuqha, 1: twegħiba

W3) THE JOB IS YOURS!: 1: Poġġi, 2: tagħmel, 3: ċwieviet, 4: xogħol

W4) WORK AND FLATS: 1e, 2f, 3d, 4b, 5c, 6a

Grammar: Ilni, ilek, ilu

GRAMMAR

G1) FIND THE WORDS: 1) ilni, 2) ilha, 3) ilu, 4) ilna, 5) ilkom, 6) ilhom, 7) ilek

G2) WHO HAS BEEN?: 1a, 2c, 3a, 4c, 5a, 6b, 7a, 8c, 9a, 10a

G3) HOW LONG?: 1a, 2a, 3c, 4a, 5a, 6c, 7b

G4) AT THE INTERVIEW: 1: ilni, 2: snin, 1: ilha, 1: ilek, 1: Ilni, 2: Ġejt, 1: ilu, 1: ilna, 1: ilkom, 1: ilhom

G5) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Ilni noqgħod f'Malta għaxar snin., Kemm ilek titgħallem il-Malti?, Ilni hawn tliet xhur biss., Anna ilha magħna tliet xhur., Ċikku ilu fid-dar iktar minni., Aħna ilna ħbieb tliet xhur., Ella u Ġorġ, kemm ilkom tistennew?, Il-ġenituri tiegħi ilhom f'Hamburg.

G6) THE RIGHT WORDS: 1b, 2b, 3a, 4c, 5a

G7) ILNI, ILEK, ILU: 1d, 2f, 3g, 4h, 5a, 6b, 7c, 8e

Translation

Monday, ten o'clock, in Valletta: crowds, traffic, noise. The meeting room is high up in a glass office building.

- Good morning. I'm Lucía Fernández. Please sit down.
- I'm Spanish, but I've lived in Malta for ten years. So we'll speak Maltese.
- Anna has been with us for three months, and she told me a little about you. Now you tell me: who are you, and where are you from?
- I'm Lena Becker. I'm German, from Hamburg, and I'm thirty.
- I'm an engineer. I work for a company in a small town, by the valley.
- And how long have you been in Malta?
- I've only been here three months. I came in March.
- Which languages do you speak?
- German, English, and a little Maltese.
- Not a little! You speak very well. How long have you been learning?

○ I've been learning for three months. My colleague helps me every day.

■ And what can you do?

○ I can design chairs and tables. And I can look after a cat.

She laughs.

■ A cat?

○ It's a long story. And he's been in the house longer than me.

■ Why did you go to live in that little town?

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

■ And when can you 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. Take your time. I'll wait for your answer until Friday.

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

○ Ćikku? No... It's not Ćikku.

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

- 'Flat in the centre. Thirty square metres. Twelve hundred euros a month.'
- Twelve hundred! And without a cat.

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