

SCENE 31 • NUMBER 7

Ħu l-umbrella!

Tuesday, a bright, warm morning. You come down in a T-shirt. Marija stands at the door with an umbrella. "You must take it." Ċikku doesn't want to go out, and that means rain: the best forecast in town. Lina says Marija is always right. Almost always.

ANSWER KEY

LISTENING & UNDERSTANDING

L1) WHO SAYS IT: 1a

L2) WHAT DOES IT MEAN: 1c

L3) HOW DO YOU SAY IT: 1c

L4) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Grazzi. Għada nieħu l-umbrella miegħi, żgur.

L5) WHAT HAPPENS FIRST: 1: 13245

Words: Ħu l-umbrella!

VOCABULARY & WRITING

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

W2) AN UMBRELLA ON A SUNNY DAY: 1: umbrella, 1: temp, 2: xemx, 1: sħab, 2: riħ, 1: barra, 2: xita, 1: xugaman

W3) ĆIKKU DOESN'T WANT TO GO OUT: 1: xemx, 2: joħroġ, 3: umbrella, 4: raġun

W4) WHAT'S THE WEATHER LIKE?: 1d, 2f, 3a, 4b, 5c, 6e, 7g

Grammar: Hemm ix-xemx, għandi bżonn, trid tieħu

GRAMMAR

G1) FIND THE WORDS: 1) trid, 2) m'għandix, 3) għandha, għandu, 4) m'għandux, 5) trid, irridu, 6) għandkom

G2) WHO NEEDS IT?: 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5a, 6b, 7b

G3) NO NEED: 1c, 2c, 3a, 4a, 5c, 6a, 7a

G4) YOU MUST: 1b, 2b, 3c, 4b, 5b, 6c, 7a

G5) MARIJA'S FORECAST: 1: xemx, 2: xita, 1: trid, 1: m'għandix, 1: għandu, 2: għandha, 1: irridu, 2: iridu, 1: m'għandkomx, 2: Għandkom, 1: m'hemmx, 2: xemx

G6) PUT THE WORDS IN ORDER: Illum trid tieħu l-umbrella., M'għandix bżonn umbrella., Għandek bżonn umbrella!, Ćikku ma jridx joħroġ barra., Aħna għandna bżonn xugaman., Ġorġ u Lina għandhom bżonn kafè., Huma m'għandhomx bżonn umbrella., Lina m'għandhiex bżonn ħalib., M'għandniex bżonn tbassir., Għada m'għandekx bżonn umbrella., Tridu tieħdu l-umbrella?, Ġorġ irid jorqod, u jien irrid immur.

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

Tuesday morning, bright and warm. You come down the stairs in a T-shirt. Marija stands at the front door with a big black umbrella.

- Good morning! Where are you off to without an umbrella?
- To work. Look, what lovely weather! It's sunny, and twenty-six degrees.
- Today you must take the umbrella with you.
- The umbrella? But look: there are no clouds! And no wind either.
- Ćikku doesn't want to go outside today. That means rain is coming.
- The cat? The cat is your weather forecast?
- The best forecast in the whole town.
- Thanks, but I don't need an umbrella.

She shrugs and leans the umbrella against the door.

- As you like.

Outside, Lina is putting the café tables out on the pavement.

- ▲ Good morning! So hot today, isn't it?

○ Yes, very! But Mrs Marija says: "Take the umbrella."

▲ Marija is always right. Well, almost always.

▲ And where's Ćikku? Every morning he sits in my window, in the sun.

○ Today he's at home. He doesn't want to go outside.

▲ Oh. Then take the umbrella. Ćikku always knows.

Half past five. You come home soaked to the skin. Marija is already at the door with a towel.

○ Mrs Marija... you were right. What rain!

■ I know, I know. Here's a towel.

○ Thank you. Tomorrow I'm taking the umbrella with me, for sure.

■ Tomorrow there's no need. Tomorrow it's sunny.

○ Who says so? The forecast?

Ćikku sits on the landing windowsill, perfectly dry, looking at the sky.

■ Ćikku.

You don't take it. At half past five you come home soaked, and she is at the door with a towel. "I know." Tomorrow: sun, says Ćikku. Next morning you take the umbrella, and the sun shines. Ćikku follows you all the way to the office.