

Lesson 38: **Right Row**

Conversation Lesson with a Story, Vocabulary Practice, Questions and Activities

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The Story

'I beg your pardon,' said the man returning to his seat in the theater,' but did I step on your toes when I left?'

'You certainly did!' answered the annoyed patron.

The man turned to his companion. 'Honey, come on,' he said, 'we're in the right row!'



Choose the best answer.

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- 1) 'Annoyed' here means ...
 - a) surprised
 - b) slightly angry or impatient
 - c) nervous or worried

Choose the best answer.

2) A 'patron' here means ...

- a) a famous person who supports the work of writers, artists, musicians etc.
- b) a saint who is believed to protect a particular place, activity, or group of people
- c) a regular theatre-goer (FORMAL)



Choose the best answer.

3) A 'companion' here means ...

- a) a pet that you spend a lot of time with
- b) someone who is with you
- a word in the title of a book used for showing that it is about a particular subject

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Choose the best answer.

- 4) 'Honey' here means ...
 - a) a sweet, sticky yellow or brown food made by bees
 - b) someone who you care about
 - c) a holiday that two people take after they get married



Questions for Discussion

- 1) Why was the patron annoyed?
- 2) What did the man do before he left the row?
- 3) Why did he do that?
- 4) Where do you personally prefer to sit in the theatre/cinema at the front, in the middle or at the back? Why?



Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) beg
 - b) pardon
 - c) theatre

- d) certainly
- e) annoyed
- f) companion



A Related Saying

Which of the following means that you should **not** make a decision too early or before all the acts are presented?

- a) It ain't over till the fat lady sings.
- b) Run that by me again.
- c) It takes two to tango.
- d) Hold the fort.

Is there a similar saying in your mother tongue?



A Related Saying

Which of the following means that you should **not** make a decision too early or before all the acts are presented?

a) It ain't over till the fat lady sings.

In Opera the show is never over till the last aria by the diva. These sopranos tended to be heavyset.

Is there a similar saying in your mother tongue?



Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You would like to go to the cinema and have asked your English speaking friend to join you. However, your friend would rather go to the theatre. Try to convince him/her that visiting the cinema is better than visiting the theatre. Person B will play the role of your English speaking friend and will start the conversation.



Role Play: Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- Price
- Availability of tickets
- Bigger choice of films
- Films in English
- More effects and tricks
- Other

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