

Lesson 50: I'm Staying Here

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

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The Story

The travelling salesman had booked himself in for the night in a small boarding-house, but due to a lengthy business meeting he did not arrive until after midnight. He could see no signs of life, but not wanting to spend the night on the doorstep he pressed the bell. After an interval, an upstairs window opened and an angry woman peered out. 'What is it?' she asked.

'It's Mr. Jerkins,' replied the helpless salesman, 'I'm staying here.'

'All right,' came the response. 'Stay there.' And she slammed down the window!

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Choose the best answer.

- 1) To 'book' here means to ...
 - a) read a book
 - b) reserve a room
 - c) take a long trip
 - d) make a call



Choose the best answer.

- 2) 'Due to' means ...
 - a) but not
 - b) moreover
 - c) because of
 - d) as well as



Choose the best answer.

- 3) To '____' means to look carefully, as if unable to see ...
 - a) slam
 - b) press
 - c) peer
 - d) meet



Choose the best answer.

4) To 'slam' means to ...

- a) look angrily at something
- b) shut loudly and forcefully
- c) move slowly
- d) say something



Questions for Discussion

- 1) What is funny about this story?
- 2) What do you think will the salesman do next?
- 3) Do you remember a misunderstanding like this one?
- 4) Have you ever had a problem because of arriving somewhere late?
- 5) Have you ever spent a night outside because you did not have a choice?



Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
- a) salesman e) signs of life
- b) boarding-house
- c) lengthy
- d) business

- f) on the doorstep
- g) press the bell
- h) peer out



A Related Saying

'Better late than never'

- What does the saying mean?
- Is there a saying in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?

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Story

Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

Your class is going on a school trip to London. Your English teacher (the examiner) has asked you to help him/her decide which places would be interesting and useful for the students to visit. You should agree on at least two places. Person B will start the conversation.



Role Play: Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- The Tower of London
- Trafalgar Square
- Museum(s)
- Shopping centre(s)
- London Eye
- Other

Role Play