

Lesson 63: In Pyjamas

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

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The Story

Staying at a hotel in Regensburg, I couldn't sleep because the television in the residents' lounge was so loud. As I could see from the top of the stairs, the lounge was in total darkness, so I crept downstairs in my pyjamas. I went to the TV and after some fumbling with the knobs I managed to switch it off.

As I turned to leave, I suddenly became aware of a semi-circle of people sitting in the dark who, up until that moment, had been enjoying a TV programme.



Choose the best answer.

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Story

- 1) **'Lounge'** is ...
 - a) kind of taxi in the airport etc.
 - b) small room for workers
 - c) public sitting room in a hotel
 - d) special case for television

- 2) 'Resident' is ...
 - a) the political leader of a country
 - b) area in which most of the buildings are houses
 - c) a house or other place where someone lives/stays
 - d) someone who lives in/stays at a particular place



- 3) To 'creep' means to ...
 - a) run quickly
 - b) jump off
 - c) shout out
 - d) move quietly



- 4) To '_____' means to move the hands awkwardly to do sth or to find sth.
 - a) fumble
 - b) manage
 - c) switch
 - d) reside



- 5) A **'knob'** is a ...
 - a) hotel room
 - b) small TV
 - c) round handle
 - d) special table



Questions for Discussion

- 1) What is the main funny point in the story?
- 2) Why did the man go downstairs in pyjamas?
- 3) What do you think will happen next?
- 4) How did the man in pyjamas feel?
- 5) What would you do if you were the man in pyjamas?
- 6) Have you ever felt embarrassed? Discuss.



Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
 - a) pyjamas
 - b) lounge
 - c) resident
 - d) knob

- e) fumble
- f) be aware of
- g) semi-circle
- h) Switch it off!



A Related Proverb

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Story

- What does the proverb 'say'?
- Is there a proverb in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?

A Related Proverb

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modification of the traditional
'opportunity knocks only once',

i.e. opportunity knocks on your doorstep only once, so grab it; most of the time, the same opportunity will never come back



Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You are **in England** and you need **a new piece of clothing** so you decide to go to a local **clothes shop**. Talk to **the shop assistant**, tell him/her **what you need to buy, discuss all the details and buy the item**. Person B is going to play the role of the **shop assistant** and **will** start the conversation.



Role Play: Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- What?
- Size
- Colour
- Pattern/material
- Price
- Other

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