

Short Stories with Peter: The Model Millionaire by Oscar Wilde (Abridged B1–B2)

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Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

drop in

pasar a ver / hacer una visita breve

DEF

To make a short, informal visit, often without arranging it in advance.

Usually suggests a casual visit. Use drop in to see someone, or drop in on someone; it is not a literal downward movement.

ES

Hacer una visita corta e informal, a menudo sin haberla concertado.

Suele implicar una visita casual; drop in to see someone o drop in on someone no describen una caída física.

Hughie dropped in to see his friend Alan.

Hughie dropped in to see his friend Alan. → Hughie pasó a ver a su amigo Alan.

I will drop in after work.

I will drop in after work. → Pasaré después del trabajo.

2

feel sorry for someone

sentir compasión por alguien

DEF

To feel sympathy for someone who is in an unhappy or difficult situation.

This expresses sympathy, not an apology. Sorry for what I did describes regret for your own action instead.

ES

Sentir compasión por alguien que atraviesa una situación triste o difícil.

Expresa compasión, no una disculpa; sorry for what I did expresa arrepentimiento por una acción propia.

Hughie felt sorry for the old man.

Hughie felt sorry for the old man. → Hughie sintió compasión por el anciano.

I feel sorry for anyone who has lost their home.

I feel sorry for anyone who has lost their home. → Siento compasión por quienes han perdido su hogar.

3

give away

regalar / donar

DEF

To give something to someone without receiving payment.

In this story it means donate or give freely, not lend. In other contexts, give away can also mean reveal a secret.

ES

Dar algo a alguien sin recibir un pago.

Aquí significa dar gratuitamente, no prestar; en otros contextos también puede significar revelar un secreto.

Hughie gave away a valuable coin.

Hughie gave away a valuable coin. → Hughie regaló una moneda valiosa.

You can give away clothes you no longer need.

You can give away clothes you no longer need. → Puedes donar ropa que ya no necesitas.

