

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

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3 learning entries

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

1

drop in

passer voir quelqu'un

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.

FR

Faire une courte visite informelle, souvent sans rendez-vous préalable.

Évoque généralement une visite spontanée; drop in to see someone ou drop in on someone ne décrit pas une chute.

Hughie dropped in to see his friend Alan.

Hughie dropped in to see his friend Alan. → Hughie passa voir son ami Alan.

I will drop in after work.

I will drop in after work. → Je passerai après le travail.

2

feel sorry for someone

éprouver de la compassion pour quelqu'un

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.

FR

Ressentir de la sympathie pour quelqu'un dans une situation malheureuse ou difficile.

Exprime la compassion, pas des excuses; sorry for what I did exprime le regret de sa propre action.

Hughie felt sorry for the old man.

Hughie felt sorry for the old man. → Hughie éprouva de la compassion pour le vieil homme.

I feel sorry for anyone who has lost their home.

I feel sorry for anyone who has lost their home. → J'éprouve de la compassion pour toute personne qui a perdu son logement.

3

give away

donner gratuitement

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.

FR

Donner quelque chose à quelqu'un sans recevoir de paiement.

Ici, il s'agit de donner, pas de prêter; dans d'autres contextes, cela peut aussi signifier révéler un secret.

Hughie gave away a valuable coin.

Hughie gave away a valuable coin. → Hughie donna une pièce de valeur.

You can give away clothes you no longer need.

You can give away clothes you no longer need. → Tu peux donner des vêtements dont tu n'as plus besoin.

