FIRST STEPS ENGLISH FOR BEGINNERS

Someone for the Café

Episode 4 of A Chance for Maya | Complete transcript and listening practice

Maya sees a job notice and decides to ask Leo for an interview. This episode helps you ask about work, confirm a time, and understand a simple job appointment.

AI voice notice

The voices in this podcast are AI-generated to help you understand and practise English.

What you will learn

• ask about a job • ask about a time • understand an interview appointment

Complete conversation

Maya: Hi, Leo.

Leo: Hi, Maya.

Maya: Nora showed me this notice.

Maya: I need a job.

Maya: Do you need someone?

Leo: Yes, we do.

Leo: Can you come for an interview tomorrow?

Maya: Yes, I can.

Maya: What time?

Leo: Nine o’clock.

Maya: Please write it down.

Leo: Of course.

Leo: Here you are.

Maya: Thank you.

Maya: I will be here.

Leo: Good luck, Maya.

Useful sentences

Do you need someone?

At a shop with a job notice, you can ask this about work.

What time?

Use this when you need the starting time.

I will be here.

Use this to confirm that you will arrive.

Shadowing

Repeat during the four-second silence after each sentence.

Do you need someone?

[4-second pause]

What time?

[4-second pause]

I will be here.

[4-second pause]

Practice

Complete the sentences before turning to the answers.

1. Maya says, “I need a ____.”
2. Maya asks, “Do you need ____?”
3. Leo says yes, “we ____.”
4. Leo asks Maya to come for an ____.
5. The interview is ____.
6. Maya asks, “What ____?”
7. Leo says, “Nine ____.”
8. Maya asks Leo to write it ____.
9. “Here you are” is used when you ____ something.
10. Maya says, “I will be ____.”

Answers

1. job
2. someone
3. do
4. interview
5. tomorrow
6. time
7. o’clock
8. down
9. give
10. here

Complete Peter narration

This appendix completes the transcript: it contains every spoken line by Peter, in the order heard in the episode. The dialogue by Maya, Leo and Nora is in the preceding transcript pages. Repeated character conversations are identified there as repeated listens; Peter's spoken explanations, prompts, promotion, goodbye and both AI notices are written in full here.

Opening AI notice

Peter: The voices in this podcast are AI-generated to help you understand and practise English.

Peter - opening

Peter: Maya needs a job.

Peter: Nora saw a notice at the café.

Peter: Now Maya is ready to ask one important question.

Peter: Welcome to episode four of A Chance for Maya.

Peter: Today, you will practise asking about a job and asking about a time.

Peter: First, hear the whole conversation at natural speed.

Peter: Then we will open it step by step, slowly.

Dive In - part one

Peter: Let's listen to the first part again.

Peter: This time, slowly.

Peter: A notice is a short message with information.

Peter: I need a job means Maya wants work.

Peter: Do you need someone asks whether a place has work.

Dive In - part two

Peter: Now, the second part.

Peter: Listen for the time.

Peter: An interview is a short meeting about a job.

Peter: What time asks when the interview starts.

Peter: Please write it down asks Leo to put the information on paper.

Peter: Here you are is what we say when we give something to someone.

Useful sentences

Peter: Useful sentences.

Peter: Do you need someone?

Peter: At a shop with a job notice, you can ask, do you need someone?

Peter: What time?

Peter: On the phone, you can ask, what time is the appointment?

Peter: I will be here.

Peter: At work, you can say, I will be here at nine o’clock.

Pay Attention

Peter: Pay attention.

Peter: We say at nine o’clock for a time.

Peter: We say on Monday for a day.

Peter: The interview is at nine o’clock tomorrow.

Peter: Listen to interview.

Peter: The stress is at the start: IN-ter-view.

Shadowing

Peter: Listen to each sentence.

Peter: Repeat during the four-second pause.

Peter: Do you need someone?

Peter: [4-second pause]

Peter: What time?

Peter: [4-second pause]

Peter: I will be here.

Peter: [4-second pause]

Closing

Peter: Before you go, follow Your English Toolbox on X for free English tips and short learning ideas.

Peter: Thank you for listening and see you in the next episode.

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