FSE005 - Could You Say That Again?

Transcript and listening guide

A Chance for Maya | Slow English

Before you listen

Maya has an interview tomorrow. Leo wrote the time on a small note. Maya heard nine, but the written number can look like a six. Listen first at natural speed, then follow the slow analysis in the episode.

Natural conversation

Maya: Hi, Leo.

Leo: Hi, Maya.

Maya: I am sorry.

Maya: I heard nine, but the number on this note looks like a six.

Leo: That is okay.

Maya: Could you say the time again, please?

Leo: Yes.

Leo: The interview is at nine o’clock.

Maya: Nine, right?

Leo: Right.

Leo: Nine o’clock tomorrow morning.

Maya: Thank you.

Maya: I understand now.

Leo: See you tomorrow, Maya.

Maya: See you tomorrow.

Maya: Where is my folder?

Maya: My folder is not in my bag.

Useful sentences

Could you say the time again, please?
Use this when you need a person to repeat important information.

Nine, right?
Use a rising voice when you are checking a number or detail.

I understand now.
Use this after someone explains something clearly.

Pay attention

Could you is polite. Do not guess an important number: ask again. In **Nine, right?**, your voice rises at the end because you are checking information.

Shadowing

At the end of the episode, repeat each useful sentence during the four-second pause. Then listen to the whole conversation again at natural speed.

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 has an interview tomorrow.

Peter: Leo wrote the time on a small note.

Peter: Maya heard nine, but the number on the note can look like a six.

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

Peter: Today, you will practise asking someone to repeat information and checking a number.

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 note is a short piece of paper with information.

Peter: The number on the note looks like a six means Maya can read a different number on the paper.

Peter: Maya is polite when she says, I am sorry.

Peter: Could you say the time again, please asks Leo to repeat the information politely.

Dive In - part two

Peter: Now, the second part.

Peter: Listen for the number and the time.

Peter: At nine o'clock tells Maya the time of the interview.

Peter: Nine, right checks that Maya heard the number correctly.

Peter: Tomorrow morning makes the time more specific.

Peter: I understand now tells Leo that Maya has the answer.

Peter: A folder holds important papers.

Peter: Maya cannot find her folder in her bag.

Useful sentences

Peter: Useful sentences.

Peter: Could you say the time again, please?

Peter: On the phone, you can ask, Could you say the address again?

Peter: Nine, right?

Peter: At an appointment, you can ask, Ten, right?

Peter: I understand now.

Peter: After an explanation, you can say, I understand now.

Pay Attention

Peter: Pay attention.

Peter: We say could you for a polite request.

Peter: Could you say that again is polite.

Peter: Say nine, right with your voice going up at the end.

Peter: Your rising voice shows that you are checking.

Peter: Do not guess a number when it is important.

Peter: Ask again.

Shadowing

Peter: Listen to each sentence.

Peter: Repeat during the four-second pause.

Peter: Could you say the time again, please?

Peter: [4-second pause]

Peter: Nine, right?

Peter: [4-second pause]

Peter: I understand now.

Peter: [4-second pause]

Closing

Peter: Before you go, download the vocabulary and grammar guide in the episode description.

Peter: It gives you extra examples to use every day.

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

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