

The Road Less Travelled

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Episode 1: The phone call

Worksheet

Listening

1. Listen and answer the questions.

- Is Katie happy with her life? Why / why not?
- Where is Katie going at the end of the episode?

2. Listen again and complete the sentences.

- Sal is Katie's _____ and she lives in _____.
- Katie _____ her job.
- Mark is Katie's _____. He loves watching _____ on TV.



Language: Using just

Read the information in the box.

You can use *just* in spoken English in different ways:

1. For **emphasis**: *Just* turn it off!
2. To mean **only**: It's *just* 20 euros.
3. To mean **exactly**: He is *just* like his father.
4. To make a **polite request**: Can I *just* borrow the pen for a minute?

1. Match these sentences from the episode to the uses of *just* in the box above.

- a) It's just... It's just... I don't know.
- b) Just come out here for a visit. This summer.
- c) Who was that? - Just my cousin Sal.

2. Add *just* to the mini dialogues below. Then practise the dialogues with a partner.

A: Did you like the film?

B: It was awful.

A: Could I use the phone here?

B: Of course.

A: Where does it hurt?

B: Here.

Discussion

Answer the questions.

1. Do you think Katie will go to California? Why / why not?
2. Do you ever do things you don't really want to do just to be with your friends?
3. Do you have any relatives who live in different countries? If so, do you ever visit them?

Transcript

KATIE: Hello?

SAL: Hi, is that Katie?

KATIE: Oh, hi Sal! How are you?

SAL: Fine, Katie. I'm fine. What about you?

KATIE: Oh, I'm okay.

SAL: Katie, have you thought about my suggestion? About coming out to California?

KATIE: I don't know, Sal. I've thought about it every day. But I have my job here, and Mark... I don't know.

SAL: Katie, you're my cousin. I'm going to be honest with you. You hate your life there in England. You hate your job. You spend your free time watching football with Mark, and with Mark's friends. You're depressed. You're depressed Katie, and you need a change.

KATIE: I know, I know. You're right...It's just... It's just... I don't know.

SAL: Katie. Just come out here for a visit. This summer. You'll see, you'll love it! We'll have fun! I haven't seen you since last summer.

MARK: KATIEEEE!

KATIE: Sal, I have to go. Mark's here.

MARK: Who was that?

KATIE: Just my cousin Sal.

MARK: Well, come on.

KATIE: What?

MARK: The match starts in ten minutes. We're going to Chris' house. They're waiting in the car!

KATIE: Mark, I...

MARK: What?

KATIE: Nothing. Let's go.



Answers

Listening

1. Listen and answer the questions.

- Katie isn't very happy with her life. She hates her job and isn't happy with her boyfriend.
- Katie's going to Chris' house to watch the match with Mike and his friends.



2. Listen again and complete the sentences.

- Sal is Katie's **cousin** and she lives in **California**.
- Katie **hates** her job.
- Mark is Katie's **boyfriend**. He loves watching **football** (UK / **soccer** US) on TV.

Language: Using *just*

1. Match these sentences from the episode to the uses of *just* in the box above.

- a) 1
- b) 1
- c) 2

2. Add *just* to the mini dialogues below. Then practise the dialogues with a partner.

A: Did you like the film?

B: It was **just** awful.

A: Could I **just** use the phone here?

B: Of course.

A: Where does it hurt?

B: **Just** here.