

Meet Me in Istanbul

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Put the events in the order they happen in the story. The first is 1.

- 1 Tom waits for Angela at the American Bar, but she doesn't arrive.
- 2 Tom takes the bus from the airport into the city. He sees Angela getting out of a car.
- Tom Smith flies to Istanbul to meet his fiancée. On the plane he meets a young man called Kemal.
- 3 Tom says goodbye to Mr Dünya. He goes to the airport, but he doesn't get on the plane.
- 4 Tom meets Mr Pennington at the British Consulate. He reads the reports on the accident.
- 5 Tom meets a friend of Angela's – Julie. She tells him she thinks something strange is going on.
- 6 Tom introduces Kemal to Angela and Pennington explains what happened.
- 7 Tom and Kemal see the men putting drugs into the onyx lamps. Then Tom and Kemal get caught.
- 8 The next morning, Tom goes to where Angela works. A man there tells him Angela is dead.
- 9 Kemal sells Dünya some onyx ashtrays. He helps carry them into the storeroom and manages to look around.
- 10 Kemal and Tom try to find the place where Tom saw Angela get out of the car.

- 11 Kemal and Tom go to Topkapi Palace. Kemal tells Tom they are being followed by a man in a grey raincoat.
- 12 Dünya takes Tom and Kemal to his villa, but the police are waiting for him there and they arrest him.

Choose the correct answer for these questions.

- 13 In which month does the story take place?
a April b June c September
- 14 Where does Angela live in Istanbul?
a Sisli b Kamerot Sokak c Taksim Square
- 15 How is Angela supposed to have died?
a in a car crash b in a fire c in a shooting
- 16 Where is Tom's Hotel?
a near Galata Bridge b near Topkapi Palace c near Taksim Square
- 17 Where did Julie first meet Angela?
a at the Consulate b at a party c at work
- 18 Which gate does the flight back to London depart from?
a 6 b 11 c 16
- 19 What does Tom wear to disguise himself?
a a wig and glasses b a false moustache and glasses c a wig and a false moustache
- 20 How much does Dünya pay Kemal for the onyx ashtrays?
a 5,000 lira b 6,000 lira c 15,000 lira

Look at the underlined words in the sentences (21–30) and match them to the definitions (a–j).

- 21 Tom doesn't like airports and he is always nervous when he flies. _____
- 22 Angela works for a small company in Turkey which exports things to England. _____
- 23 Angela is an expert in importing and exporting because her father has an agency in London. _____
- 24 Her parents are on holiday and the police are still trying to contact them. _____
- 25 'It's a great shock – a terrible tragedy for you.' _____
- 26 'You probably think I imagined it. I understand that.' _____
- 27 'I'm convinced I saw her, that's all.' _____
- 28 'After the accident,' Tom asked Pennington, 'how did they identify the body?' _____
- 29 'And are the police quite satisfied?' Tom asked. _____
- 30 Kemal told Dünya he needed some money and that it was urgent. _____

- a to send goods out of one country to sell them in another country
- b to believe something is true when it is not
- c something which is very important and has to be done immediately
- d a little frightened
- e trying to send a message to someone
- f to believe a story is true and to stop asking questions
- g very sure about something
- h someone who knows a lot about something
- i a very sad happening
- j to say who a dead person is and to name them

Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

yet usually then soon next before already almost ago after

- 31 'Have you been to Istanbul _____?'
- 32 She went to Istanbul two months _____.
- 33 She's _____ completed her work in Istanbul now.
- 34 The company has _____ started to send goods to England.
- 35 Strange, thought Tom. Angela isn't _____ late.
- 36 He was very tired after his long journey and _____ fell asleep.
- 37 The _____ morning, Tom felt much better.
- 38 He had breakfast, _____ took a taxi to the office where Angela worked.
- 39 Angela's parents are on holiday in France so they don't know she's dead _____.
- 40 _____ a few minutes, a tall man wearing glasses came to meet him.

Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

- 41 'I can't stop thinking *about / over* yesterday,' said Tom.
- 42 The police found out that the car was owned *by / from* a car hire company.
- 43 'I think she was afraid *about / of* him.'
- 44 'Dünya and his friends must have been watching you since you arrived *at / in* Istanbul.'
- 45 The villa was surrounded *by / of* trees and bushes.
- 46 Angela was worried *about / of* something at work.
- 47 'Would you be interested *about / in* buying fifty of these?'
- 48 'Oh, don't worry *about / in* her.'
- 49 Tom looked around – he was looking *at / for* a way to escape.
- 50 'Istanbul is a little bit too interesting *for / of* me,' said Tom.

Extra: Exam Practice**Task 1**

Which part of *Meet Me in Istanbul* do you think is the most exciting and why? Write an essay of between 80 and 120 words.

Task 2

Write a review of *Meet Me in Istanbul* for your school magazine. Say why you enjoyed it and why you would recommend it to other readers. Write between 80 and 120 words.