British English: Listening Comprehension 6

Close Encounter!

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Here is the next video. Again, there isn't an accompanying lesson, but I do want to note that the British often use the word "sorry" when they didn't hear or understand something that was said. It implies a request for repetition.

Answer the comprehension questions.

1) What is Jane's sister's name? _____ What does she study? _____
2) Why does Matt meet her at the station instead of Jane? (Answer in a complete sentence.)

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3) Where will Matt meet Allison? _____
4) What is Allison wearing? _____
5) What is Matt wearing? _____
6) What do the British call a cell phone? _____
7) What problem did Matt have with the car? (Answer in a complete sentence.)

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8) Why did the woman at the café call the police? (Answer in a complete sentence.)

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9) Below is a transcript of the video. Listen again—just the audio below—and fill in the blanks.

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Helen (voice over): We're all cleaning the house today. ... We don't clean it every Saturday. But today is different. Jane's sister is coming to visit.

[The girls are cleaning in the kitchen.]

Helen: What does your sister do? She's a student.

Jane: What's she studying? _____ studies.

Helen: Gosh, that sounds interesting. ... There. Finished.

Jane: Actually, there's a...

Helen: Oh. ... What time is she arriving?

Jane: Two-thirty. I'm going to my _____ class and then I'm meeting her at the station.

[David answers the phone.]

David: Hello? ... Can you turn that off?

Matt: What?

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Matt: Hang on a minute. ... What did you say?

David: Nevermind. Hello?

Allison: Hello, can I speak to Jane, please?

David: _____. Who's calling?

Allison: It's Alison, her sister.

David: Just a moment. Jane, it's your sister.

Jane: Why is she calling now? It's only 12 o'clock. ... Hello? Ali? Where are you?

Allison: Hi, Jane. I'm at the station.

Jane: But you're two and a half hours _____.

Allison: I know. I got the first train.

Jane: Ali, I can't meet you. I have a yoga class at half past twelve.

Allison: That's okay. I can come to your house by bus.

Jane: No, it's too difficult. Hold on. ... Can anybody meet my sister? My yoga class starts in twenty minutes.

Matt: I can.

Helen: I can.

David: I can.

Matt: Please. I hate cleaning.

Jane: OK. ... Hello, Ali. Matt can meet you. ... There's a cafe near the station. The _____ Cafe. Why don't you wait there?

Allison: OK.

Jane: Can you meet Ali at the Rose Cafe?

Matt: Sure. What does she look _____?

Jane: Hold on, Ali. ... She's quite tall and she has long, dark brown hair.

Helen: What's she wearing?

Jane: Hello, Ali. What are you wearing?

Allison: I'm wearing a cream _____ and a black sweater.

Jane: She's wearing a cream coat and a black sweater. ... Sorry? ...Hold on. ... How long?

Matt: About 15 minutes.

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Jane: About 15 minutes. And listen, any problems, call me on my mobile.

Allison: OK. See you later. Bye.

[Jane is at yoga class.]

Jane: Sorry. Sorry. Sorry. ... Hello?

Allison: Jane, it's Alison. Where is he?

Jane: Isn't he there?

Allison: What does he look like?

Jane: He has dark hair and a _____.

Allison: Hang on. Is he wearing a black leather jacket and black jeans? ... It's OK. He's here. See you later. Bye.

Jane: Bye. ... Sorry. Sorry. Sorry.

Woman at the café: Just go away.

Allison: Sorry. I think there's some _____. Matt, I'm Allison. Nice to meet you.

Matt: Oh, I'm so sorry. ... Hi. I thought...

Allison: It's okay. Let's go. Sorry about that.

Matt: Sorry I was late. I got a _____ tyre.

Allison: No problem.

Matt: The car's just around the corner. ... What's the _____?

Allison: Why are you carrying that bag?

Matt: It's your bag, isn't it?

Allison: No.

Matt: Then who?

Woman at the café: He's wearing black jeans and a black leather jacket. Yes. And he's carrying my bag.

Helen (voice over): We met Allison that afternoon—sorry—that evening after Matt's conversation with the _____.

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