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1. Rita is going to language school in England!

Rita Martinez is twenty-one. She lives in Valencia, Spain. She works in a clothes shop. She likes languages. She can speak Spanish, French and English, but she wants to improve her English. She works overtime at the clothes shop and saves her money. In September, she thinks she has enough money to go to England to study English. She searches on the Internet. She finds a small language school in London. She looks at the school's website. There are only five students in the class. The course lasts for four weeks. The fee for a month is 1000 pounds. There is a space for a student in October. Rita thinks this school is right for her.

She will stay in a hostel. The school will reserve a room for her. She pays the school 1350 pounds by bank transfer. The lessons cost 1000 pounds, and the hostel room costs 350 pounds. She finds a cheap flight from Alicante Airport to Heathrow Airport.

Her friend, Helena, is worried. She does not trust the Internet. Rita's father is very unhappy. He doesn't want Rita to go to the UK. But Rita's mother is happy. She always wanted to visit other countries, but it was not possible. She is pleased that her daughter will have the chance to travel.

2. Rita leaves Spain

Rita, Helena and Rita's mother are at Alicante Airport. Very soon, Rita will get on the aeroplane. Rita's father is still angry, so he is not at the airport.

"Take care, Rita," says her mother.

"I will be fine!" says Rita.

"If you have any problems, call me!" says Helena.

"I will be fine! Stop worrying! I am not a child! I am an adult!" says Rita. "A teacher from the school will meet me at the airport. He will take me to the hostel. I will check in. Tomorrow I will start my English classes. Everything will be fine."

"Will you call us?" asks Rita's mother. She is very worried, but she is also happy. She wants her daughter to be strong and independent.

"I think it is too expensive to call. I will send text messages to Helena. She can call you and tell you my news. I will also use a computer at the school and post photographs on Facebook," says Rita.

"How much money do you have?" asks Helena.

"I have three hundred pounds."

“Only three hundred pounds? For a month? London is a very expensive city, Rita. Is it enough?” asks Helena.

“Well, I already paid the course fees and the hostel fees by bank transfer, so I don't need much money. I will study very hard every day and night, so I won't go sightseeing very much,” says Rita. “Stop worrying!”

Rita hugs her mother and Helena. They say goodbye and Rita goes to the departure gate. She turns and waves. “See you in four weeks!”

She smiles. Her adventure has begun!

3. Where is Mr Davis?

Rita gets off the aeroplane. She is in London! This is Rita's first time to leave Spain. She feels very excited. She shows her passport at the immigration desk. The immigration officer does not ask her any questions. She goes to the baggage area and waits for her suitcase. She hears English and other languages all around her. Everyone is talking too fast. She cannot understand.

I must study hard, she thinks. She sees her suitcase, and takes it off the baggage carousel.

She takes a piece of paper out of her bag and reads it. It is an email from the language school.

---“Mr. Paul Davis from Learn Right, Now will wait for you in the arrivals area of Heathrow Airport at 4:15pm. He will hold a white board with your name on it. He will take you to your hostel.”---

Rita walks out into the arrivals area. There are many people waiting. Many people have boards with names on them. She looks at the boards and the names, but she cannot see ‘Rita Martinez’.

She puts her suitcase down on the floor and waits. Slowly the people start to leave. She looks at her watch. It is 4:30pm.

Where is Mr Davis? she thinks. *He is fifteen minutes late. Maybe there is a lot of traffic on the roads.*

Rita buys a bottle of orange juice, and sits down and waits. It is now 5:00pm and she is starting to worry.

She looks at the email from the school again. It says:

---“If you have any problems at Heathrow Airport, please call this number.”---

Should I call the school? What should I do? she thinks.

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