

POLISH YOUR RUSTY ENGLISH

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TRANSCRIPTS AND GAP – FILL ACTIVITIES

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GAP - FILL ACTIVITIES

Please listen carefully and **fill in** the correct missing words. There is the key at the back.

NOT LOSE SLEEP OVER IT

Nicky: Don't forget about your tea, it's getting cold

Kathryn: You're right. **1 word** have a sip.

N: Yeah, have a sip

K: I love that sugar.

Oooh, I have to tell you, I had a really scary thing happened to me just a couple days ago.

I ...went into a supermarket, it was **3 words** decision, I realised I needed some milk.

So I thought: „I'll just pop in, get some milk and go home.“

It was the weirdest thing.

I went over to get the milk ...and I was just looking at the shelfand... just a couple feet away from me, there was a man... kind of a weird looking... a scary looking man, really tall , just kind of scary.

1 word looking I should say and... I just turned and looked at him and I thought I was imagining it but he ...was picking some things **3 words** I'm not even sure what they were and putting them in his pocket.

And I thought:“ Oh, no!“ I'm I'm seeing things.

N: Really?

K: It was ...it was just ...unreal.

I thought I'm watching a movie.

And I thought :„I just went back to which milk should I get.“

And he did it again. And he was standing so I was... if I turned and looked he couldn't see me.

I kind of was looking at his back on the side so I just couldn't believe it.

I just stopped and had to stare. He couldn't see me staring at this point.

And then...he... just started grabbing I don't know ...some some sweets or some anything anything on the shelf that was on that shelf.

Crisps, I don't know what... food, bread and continued putting things in his pockets.

And I thought: „This can't...I was looking for the TV camera...

I thought : „This can't be real, this is like a movie.“

He didn't stop there. He had a big jacket which is what made him look big.

N: Was it like a big one?

K: It was like a big **1 word** jacket. Yeah.

He was a big man but his jacket was even bigger.

He opened I was still looking but hewas kind of looking **3 words** and saw no one watching him there.

He didn't really see me.

I started feeling a bit nervous but he opened the... the big bulky jacket andclearly there were big pockets in there because he just started **1 word** things into that side.

Did the same over here.

It's like he was growing, getting bigger and bigger.

By this...this all happened within 30 seconds but... and I was like kind of frozen in place and I thought:„Should I just get my milk and leave?“

„Should I tell someone?“ „Should I tell the...shop assistant or someone that there's **2 words** over there?“

I was just paralyzed, just frozen, it was just he wasn't hurting me but it just scared me. „What's gonna happen?“

And he continued to do this and continued the shelves were almost empty.

He was just filling up those pockets and I thought: „I've gotta leave.“ „I got my milk, I'm gonna go.“

And then I did **3 words** and he was completely facing me he totally turned this way he was looking me right in the eye.

It was so scary.

N: How did he look?

K: He was really scary.

He had dark hair.... probably about 40 years old not... not too old but BIG.

He must have beenin feet and inches 6 ft 3, 6ft 4 he was huge and he was staring (I am like aaaah...)

He was just looking right in my eyes.

He glared at me.

It was like a dirty look, a scary look, a mean look, a threatening look almost as if he was saying:“Leave me alone, don't you dare... tell anyone!“ and then I thought: „Is he gonna attack me?“ „Is he gonna pull a gun?“ „Is he gonna grab?“

And my mind started **1 word** .

„Is he gonna stab me?“ „Is he gonna.....?“ I don't know.

I was just again paralyzed. I thought: „ What do I do?“

For once I wished my husband was with me. “What do I do?“

And I just thought: „Ok if I run... maybe he's got... „ I didn't know what to do.

I'll just... clearly I tried to pretend I didn't see what he did.... because when I looked at him.... he had he wasn't stealing anymore

N: Did he look like a drug addict?

K: He actually didn't look like a drug addict.

He looked... you and I would have thought he's a normal - looking person but ...very tall and the look on his face made him scary.

The look on his face was very threatening like an evil look, a very evil look.

N: So he didn't look obnoxious?

K: He did look kind of obnoxious, yeah but it could be because he was making -this mean face like that. „Aaaaah.“

If he were normal - faced or just in daily life maybe he would look ok.

But because he was making such a... like a scowl... threatening.... it was it was just a scary look.

That look told me : „I wanna go away!“ „I don't wanna get...“ „I don't wanna mess with you!“

So I thought : "I'll just ...casually walk over to the checkout and pay for my milk!" And I could hear that he was right behind me

N: Oh gosh! What time was it?

K: It was so scary!

It was... it was like 8.30 or 9 at night.

It was dark and I had to get the bus and go home alone.

My heart was **1 word** .. blood was rushing through I was... I couldn't think.

And I thought: „He's right.... he must have been a foot behind me it seemed just right behind me... walking to the checkout.

Well he was not gonna pay for anything....I didn't know what he was gonna do.

So... I thought :“Should I walk up and maybe whisper...to...to the checkout or just someone?“ and I thought: „ I would just motion like that.“

Because he looked so suspicious anyway with that look... on his face.

N: Did he follow you when you left the shop?

K: Well, as I walked up to pay for my milk he was right behind me.

I think he was... gonna watch what I was gonna do, I don't know what he was going to do.

But as I went up to the... checkout I decided then and there I'm not gonna say anything because if I say something and he knows, he could follow me, he could hurt me, it was just too scary to think about.

So I just.... I was shaking by then.

I went and paid for my milk. As I paid for my milk... I wanted to turn but I didn't.

I just kind of looked and he really slowly walked out of the shop.

And it was scary as he walked out he just kinda turned casually as if you were looking back into the store and he looked at me again.

I thought: „I just can't say anything I must... it's just too scary!“

He walked out.

And I just got my milk and... left and he was gone already.

I guess I could have then and there told the assistant that man **1 word** things but I was...

I was so scared I couldn't think.

It was scary

N: That was a horrible experience

K: It was terrifying!

N: horrible!

I'm just glad he didn't do anything but it was so scary!

So maybe I should have said something at the end when he left but I thought:“ What if he's waiting outside for me?“ and he wasn't. But I thought he could have been.

N: It's terrifying.

K: It was scary... very very scary.

N: Terrifying!

He got a lot of stuff in his jacket, too.

He took a lot of things.

THE PENNY MUST DROP

Nicky: A friend of mine is **1 word** with her **2 words** .

Kathryn: Ooh my goodness! "Does he feel the same about her?" "Or does she know?"

N: No, he doesn't.

K: That sounds exactly what my ...my friend is going through, poor thing.

She calls me **1 word** and talks about this.

Same thing. She is **1 word** , she has a big **1 word** ...on this...this work **1 word** .

She's also **1 word** in her mind that he feels the same.

So they work together they get along really well.

He's a really nice person.

I haven't met him but she has told me about him.

And... just for what she says about him. He's polite, he's thoughtful, he's considerate.

But I don't know where she gets it from... she is convinced he has a crush on her and feels the same, that it's mutual.

She is convinced the feelings are mutual but I don't see anything in... in her description of what's going on that proves it's mutual.

For example, she...theyso they work together.

She will just find excuses to go by his office.

They have separate offices.

But she'll.... happen to be passing by his office and if his door is open.

Say: "Hello!" and have a little chat with him and just smile... **1 word** with him a bit.

And she says because he's so nice with her he says hello.... talks with her like this... that he feels the same.

But it's... it's really clear.

Actually there's another friend, a mutual friend who works there also.

I haven't told my friend that. Secret.

But this other friend at the office sees what's going on.

And she... basically says what I said that there's nothing... on his side that proves he feels the same.

So between what she's telling me and what this other friend or other colleague is saying is clear the man's not interested.

But she doesn't see it.

So...she'll also call him sometimes, call him at home now and again.

He's real nice on the phone... he's never called her.

I mean **2 words** tells you... **2 words** is not interested.

She has asked him out for a coffee a couple of times. He accepted.

It's ...it's a break... lunch break or coffee break.

He'll go with her there's a coffee shop next door.

So she's sure that because he accepts her invitation for coffee he must be interested.

He's just being nice.

And I think he wants some coffee. He pays for his own coffee and all that.

Or this ...to me sounded like he was not that interested.

She'll call him and say: "Let's go out for lunch."

He will say: "Ok."

And they will meet at the restaurant and he brings two or three other... colleagues with him.

That to me said if he really liked her, wouldn't he come alone?

But I told her that.

I said : "Why is he inviting otherpeople to have a meal with you?"

She just said: "Oh, he's very friendly and he wants to invite these other people along:"

But he never comes alone.

N: Yes.... Maybe.... he did not want to be **JUST** with her.

K: I think that's the case but I'm afraid I can't come out say it to my friend.

"He doesn't want to be with you!"

But I think that's the case.

If you really are interested in someone you would want any **1 word** to be alone with them.

But he brings people ...2 or 3 people along.

She even asked him to go out likeoutside of work to go out.

And he brought some people along, too.

N: Did he?

K: I mean what it does that say?

That screams: "I'm not interested in you!"

But he's too nice and too polite to **2 words** and say it.

He's always nice with her.

And she takes it that way as he's so nice to me he must really...

She thinks he's friendly but she thinks he's a bit shy and that's why he brings people along.

He's too shy to be alone with her although he wants to be.

With this other co-worker I mentioned who kind of sees what's going on...agrees with me and again my friend doesn't know this.

She has told me this.

This other person sees it at the office sees him.

Sadly he even tries to avoid her sometimes...a couple...

And I haven't seen it but this other person said and told me that she has seen my friend walking to his office.... down the hall and she sees him the guy ran the other way...trying **2 words** her and then she looks in his office and thinks: "Oh, I guess he stepped out."

So poor thing!

He clearly is avoiding her but he's just too kind... he doesn't want to hurt her feelings.

So he's a nice guy but she's gonna have to realise ...that man is not interested.

She'll have to find someone else.

She's...**2 words** has to stop.

MUTTON DRESSED AS LAMB

Nicky: Tell me, how frugal can you get these days?

Kathryn: Ooooh. Frugal...

Do you think you are frugal. "Are you frugal?" "Do you think....?" (inaudible)I try

N: Ooooh

K: It's good to be a bit frugal, isn't it?

N: You should be

K: To save a bit of money but you don't want to overdo it, do you?

Like my friend.

Ooh, my goodness !

She's crazy it is what it ismore than frugal.

Sheworks and she... she makes ok money. She's not rich but she's not poor.

She's got enough money to **2 words** .

She really does have enough money ...to buy whatever she wants, not whatever she wants but if she wants to go and see a movie she'll go and see a movie.

Her bag **2 words**. She needs a new bag. She can do that. She's she's ok.

But she puts on this front of not having any money.

What it is I learned about her... she is tight-fisted.... she's a tight one.

She DOES NOT LIKE to spend money

N: Is she?

K: Ok, she has to pay for the rent. She'll pay her rent although she hates that, too. It quite hurts..

And food, she she eats...she's kind of thin so she doesn't really...she'll eat to survive I guess just if she has to ...but she will tight-fisted is the word.

The money is there she just won't spend it. Absolutely !

And she's got some people **1 word** . They think she...they think she doesn't have enough and **1 word** for example, someone will invite her over to dinner and she'll accept.

And then eat like a pig and then they think:"Oh!" and she'll say:"Yeah, I just haven't been able to buy enough food lately."

She'll put on this act that she's really poor or starving or something and she'll eat a ton of food and won't eat for a week after that maybe to save money...

N: So people feel sorry for her

K: People do feel sorry for her and that's what she wants I think. Yes.

If she and her friends have to govisit someone or they're going somewhere they have an excursion to go on..... someone else will usually offer:"I'll drive."

She will never offer to drive because she doesn't want to pay petrol.

Or once she did. This is what I heard, wasn't me "thank goodness!" and she asked everybody: "Can you please help **2 words** the petrol?"

"Ok."they thought that's kind of strange and she... but they believed her.

She said:"Yeah I.... I'm **2 words** cash this week."

She has good good expressions and good excuses : " Could you please give me a few pounds?"

But then when she goes with her friends, she'll never offer:"Let me give you a few pounds for the petrol." No.

She is **1 word** and **1 word** . She has these ways to....just get.... **2 words** as much as she can and to not spend.

She is like a Scrooge.

She only she won't give.....give up money unless she absolutely has to **1 word** her life depends on it

N: Is there anything she spends money on?

K: Guess what? This is **1 word** .

Clothes. She calls them clothes.

She looks terrible. Bless her poor heart!

She will spendto her that's **2 words** .

She can open her fist a bit if it's ...clothes.

And what she thinks they're stylish. She thinks her clothes are trendy. She thinks she looks good.

Maybe that's good she doesn't realise how bad she looks because if she knew what she looks like she wouldn't go outdoors.

She will wear.... she is not that old she's fairly (**unfinished**).... kind of young.

Forties, I think.... forties maybe. It's hard to judge her age because of the way she appears.

I would put her at mid - till late forties. Ok, relatively young.

But she will wear clothes that... a teenager would wear.

You see some of these, I don't know what to call these styles but they're.... almost like really tight there is a name for it, I'm sure.

In the US we used to say leggings like tight tight tight black

N: Yes, leggings. Yes, very tight.

K: And they're kind of **1 word** almost like stockings.

She'll wear that with like a little skirt over it...

N: A flashy skirt?

K: Yeah, like a like a.... yeah....with with bright colours... like pink and yellow or I don't know what.

And then these strange boots, not like mine, mine are nice.

She'll wear a

Yeah, just kind of furry boots. Something from the 1960s I think. I don't know. And weird make-up.

She thinks she looks good because she's very slim.

She's actually skinny.

She thinks her figure is good.

She is slender so she thinks with these clothes.... they'll make her look young and show off her **2 words** which it does the reverse

N: Which is very cheesy

K: She is cheesy - looking, she is tacky – looking.

N: Tacky. Yeah.

K: It's really not good.

Once in a while she'll wear something ok and you think she is coming to her senses.

She's gonna.... she's looked in the mirror.

She is facing reality.

Next day... back to some weirdoutfit.

I don't know what to call these... these outfits they're very...they're made for a teenage girl who should be thin maybe.

So it's....it's not becoming on her.

It makes her look worse that she would look if she werein normal clothes.

And it's nice if you're older to to you want to feel young and you want to look....stylish but if you're dressing for someone one third of your age it just doesn't work.

Especially with the make-up she uses and the weird hair.

She's just trying to....to go back to her lost youth.

N: Is her make-up very heavy?

K: It's.... it's heavy and that looks tacky. Really thick, thick mascara and what I call false eyelashes.

N: Oh, yes.

I didn't know they still make those and she'll put those on.

And I hate it when she'll put :” Ooh, blue like a bright blue or paint this eye shadow.”

“Have you seen that on people?”

N: Oh, gosh!

K: And you look at her and you're just looking at that ...you're not hearing what she's saying you're looking at that eye shadow.

Because you want make-up to... to enhance your appearance make you look better but she looks like a clown. It's like clown make-up and and red lipstick like that and she...

They say... that's what they say that :” If your lips are thin, put your lipstick a little bit above your lip.” but she goes up.... again it's like a clown. Big clown lips.

I may be exaggerating but it looks like clown lips.

So between clown lips, all that tacky.... terrible eye shadow and then because her skin is pale she has pale skin.

She'll put blush... pink but it look again.... she just looks like a clown, the more I think about it.

These bigred blotches on on.

N: Oh, gosh!

K: And it just looks like a mask or something, she is....it's just....

I hadn't thought about that for a while

N: Does she think it's good?

K: She thinks she looks good and she thinks men look at her...so that's where her money goes.

The make-up and it's not even good make-up I think.

But that's the one thing she'llopen the fist for... to spend on her appearance.

N: Oh, she thinks she's attractive

K: It's sad but she thinks....she thinks she's attractive.

She thinks ...she thinks she looks good.

And people do look at her because she looks so scary.

And I was with her once, standing a few feet away, hoping people didn't think we are friends and some men were looking.

They were young men, probably in their twenties or thirties, it's sad, they were kind of laughing at her, looking at her and smiling because they thought she looked..... ridiculous.

And she said: “Hey, look!” They’re looking....

And she smiled at them and winked at them and said to me:” See, they think I look good!”

Cos' I tried to tell her:” Maybe a little less eye make-up!”

“No, no all the men think it's good!” And...

It's so sad.

It's funny but it's sad.

PULL YOUR WEIGHT !

Nicky: Is it just me or is Ian really lazy?

Kevin: Well, he's not as lazy as you, I can tell you that for nothing.
But yeah.

I've seen him to take more **3 words** than I think anyone else at the factory.

And he's not always really sick, **1 word**.

I think last Tuesday when you had to **2 words** him.

He was...ehm...he **2 words** and he said he had a bad back.

But he wasn't because I saw him playing golf.

N: No way.

K: Yeah, for sure.

And I think... he's **2 words** the golf as well.

We've just had this big golf **1 word** recently and he's always always texting.

Either that or he's got a secret lover. I don't know.

Have you noticed this?

N: Yes, he is, isn't he? All the time.

K: Yeah, and I'm thinking, you know "Hang on!" "I'm working here and he is on his phone."

And he's **3 words**, really!

And while he's on the phone if he's trying to work with like one hand or something... the work output is so so **1 word**

And it's not ...not really what the company want.

And if you mention it to him. ... what does he get? **1 word**.

Straight away.

He's always **1 word**.

"Ah, no, you can't **4 words** me."

N: Yeah, that winds me up.

K: Yeah. I think it's because his uncle is the manager.

You know, he thinks he can get away with murder.

But what he doesn't know is... I know the uncle very very well.

I play snooker with him on Wednesdays.

Maybe I have to have a little word.

Maybe we can wind him up.

N: Have you... have you noticed, he's always late for work!

K: Always yeah. Because he thinks he can get away with it.

Onwas it yesterday or the day before?

I had to sign his timesheet on the way in.

Just so he wouldn't lose **3 words**.

He phoned me up he was just in bed.

He couldn't be bothered to get up and he said: "Kev, can you please just sign my timesheet?"

"No one will know!" I thought: "Yes, they will."

"Two people will.... you will know and I will know."

And if we are not friends, what's the first thing you're going to do.

"Ah, Kev signs my timesheet for me."

Look at that. What a bad lad Kev is!

And he's always on a wind-up...

You know that new girl that started the other day.

N: Which one?

K: Michelle.

N: Michelle?

K: Yeah, in the canteen.

She works...you only see her at lunch time.

Well, he said to her that he wanted beans on toast with cheese ...for hisfor his dinner.
And she...I was right behind him **3 words** so I know what he said.
And when it came through he said : "Oh no, I only ordered cheese on toast!"
What this poor girl, she tipped it all away before anyone could stop her.
And he was only winding her up.
I really don't like him very much.
He's always rubbing people up the wrong way.
He gets right under my skin, that **1 word**.
And if he does it anymore... I'm gonna...next time he goes out for a fag break I am going to
tell the boss, really.
Because we're just working and he is slacking, really.

DROWNED RAT

Nicky: I wanted to ask you: “ Where were you yesterday when we had that **1 word** ?”

Kathryn: Aach. That **1 word** rain!

I think I'm still wet.

N: Are you?

K: Ooooh. I **2 words** right in it. I was shopping.

It looked cloudy... I didn't bring an umbrella. The forecast said:” No rain!”

“Don't think you can really trust the forecast, can you?”

So just just walking around.

And I don't know if you were inside or outside but it just started really light just some little little **1 word** coming down...a few drops.

And so I just kept walking along didn't worry.

And if you recall ...it just “boom!”

It just... poured down instantly. Raining cats and dogs.

There I was with some bags. No umbrella.

“And it ...it was torrential, wasn't it?” It was unreal.

You couldn't see anything. Just rain coming down. Unbelievable!

And II just stood...”What do I do?”

Sometimes you can duck into a store I wasn't near a store I was several yards away.

So I stood there I mean like a fool and I...”What do I do?” So I was able to run over and get underneath a little bit of... a roof of a store. And it didn't stop, did it? It kept going....

It got worse and worse and worse and I thought:”I've got to get home!” “What do I do?”

“I could stand here forever waiting!”

And I thought:”If I wait a minute...sometimes it **2 words** and it stops.”

“I'll wait!” but I was already wet... very wet. It continued, didn't it? And continued and continued and continued.

So by then I was justI was soaked already but I thought: “I've got to get home!”

“I'm gonna just **4 words** it!”

So I thought: “Here I go!” and I thought:”It's just a little water.”

But “Have you ever run through torrential rain?”

It's justunbelievable I was afraid of slipping so I couldn't really run.

But I walked as quickly as I could and of course, the rain was still continuously coming down on me.

I felt like I was in a shower.

I was completely soaked through andrunning and getting more and more and more soaked through. Completely soaked through to the skin.

Finally... near near my street near my street just**1 word** and even though it wasn't cold I felt cold it was windy.

So I've got this cold wind on me, every part of me is just soaking.

Water **1 word** down my face, completely. Hair is a mess.

I got home.

And at the door I just ...well, I went in I went in the door ...stood there.... in the house dripping...completely dripping, completely as if someone had put a hose on me.

Completely dripping wet. Put my bags down everything was ruined, basically.

Some of the things were ruined. Set them down.

I left **3 words** water at the door. Went in...dripping water.

I thought: “What am I gonna to do?” I just had to....

I don't know why I had this urge to see how bad I looked.

I thought: “I bet I don't look that bad!” “I'm just wet.”

I've seen movies where these beautiful actresses their make-up is all in place and their hair is just wet and it looks extra curly.

I looked like a monster... I looked into...

My mascara just of all things I put extra mascara that morning. Smear...it had ran down it was just smeared.

I had these big black things around my eyes.

N: Like a panda.

K: Except uglier. It was just all black here. And in...in rivulets coming down my face like that.

Like I'd been crying really really bad.

My hair little bit that I have leftwas justplastered like this.

It just looked... I can't even find the words like...almost like...I had...like I was bold or something cos' the hair...the little that I have was just flat and it was just a face with little bit of hair on the side. Unbelievable!

And...just soaked totally. The clothes were **2 words** me, too. They were totally soaking wet.

And it was it was ghastly the way I looked in the mirror.

Ooh, hopefully nobody I know saw me.

So ...the clothes...I just had to take my clothes off nobody was home at the time.

And I....I could just wring my clothes out.... just the water **2 words** it was just totally totally soaked.

I had to take all the clothes off, without the clothes I was still soaking wet and all I can think of was, even though it's summer - "a nice hot bath!"

I had to run a nice hot bath because I was chilled **3 words** ... chilled.

And I thought : " a nice cup of tea!"

I get **2 words** ready... and run the bath. Did that.

And even though it's summer... had to turn the heat on... hadn't turned it on for months.

I was just... my teeth were chattering completely chattering.

I must have been a sight if my husband had walked in he would have screamed at the sight.

It was just **1 word** .

I felt horrible because I was just ...I was chilled to the bone, freezing but a weird kind of feeling because it was summer and it was just a wet, icky, cold feeling.

So I thought:" Ok." I tried to keep calm "It's just water I'm gonna be ok."

"I'm gonna get the bath going." "The kettle is gonna be ready." "The heat's on."

And I just went into the bathtub "Oooh." and my skin when I touched it... it was like clammy.

N: What did you do with your clothes?

K: They were just...I just threw them in the puddle.

At first just threw them in the corner in a puddle. It just looked like a puddle.

Anybody that would walk in and said: "Oh, is there **2 words** in your roof?"

"Cos' you got puddles of water down here!"

Ilater after the bath and all that...

N: What was that?

K: A motorcycle or an airplane.

Anyway, yeah at first I just threw it there to get... the clothes out of the way.

And then after the bath of course I had to mop up and....

But I did have to wring the clothes out in the sink... just wring them out and then threw them in the washing machine to wash them.

But the best part - sitting in the hot tub "Ooooooh."

The way when you...you take a bath in winter it felt like that and I thought: "This is summer."

But ...I just really started warming up cos' my skin was so cold.

I was just so I couldn't even move right my body hurt so that was really nice.

Washed my hair... washed everything.

I figured rain water is not too clean I guess and.... I took a bath, washed my hair, dried my hair, used a blow-drier.

And... had some nice tea. And then finally I could turn the heater off but... I felt fine then.

But I felt as good as new.

What did I...and what have I learned from this?

When there's one cloud in the sky **1 word** an umbrella.

N: Always

K: Always. In this country always carry an umbrella.

I just hope it doesn't happen again.

AS KEEN AS MUSTARD

Kevin: Hello, yes.

Yes, I'm ...I'm phoning up... I've seen a position advertised in the local Job Centre in Clacton.

And it's the Management support assistant only part-time.

Yes, I do have the reference here.

It's CSR or Charlie Sierra Romeo forward slash 18270.

That's the one in Clacton, yes.

No I just ...wanted to find out if it's possible to find out how many hours and what days cos' it says part-time and I do have **1 word** job.

Oh, that's ...Monday, Wednesday, Friday. That's great.

Because I only work... weekends on the other job, anyway.

I can be flexible. Yes.

And you are ...willing to pay ...7,50 per hour.

2 words experience. Yes. Well, I do have experience.

As you see when you get my CV.

Yeah.

And it's **1 word** ?

I'm not looking for anything part-time.

Oh, great, so I'm well ... I'm well **1 word** the closing date as well.

Now can you tell me a little bit about what I have to do.

So I will be supporting **2 words** manager I won't have the responsibility for that section.

No, but I will be answering **1 word** to him?

Oh, yeah. That's... that's ok, I'm more than happy.

And I have ...have worked in the Benefits before.

The other office, the old office, before it closed down.

Yes, so I have quite a good idea of.... what you want me to do.

Yes, I'm very good at keeping within budgets. Yes.

Oh, completely **2 words** , yes.

Words, Macs Office, Words, Excel, Spreadsheets. No problem at all there. Yeah.

Yes, I do have neat handwriting so my paper records will be fine.

Yes, I can. I can provide the help for the team.

But as long obviously as I have enough.... time **1 word** ,yeah.

Sure. Yeah, of course.

IfI can **1 word** my CV.

I've got the email address here.

Who do I mark it...**4 words** ?

June. Ok June, I should do that.

When when **3 words** to be interviewing?

Oh no, that is great as long as it's not on the weekend I can fit. I can do evenings as well.

Have you had much interest in this job?

Ah, you have.

But you haven't found anyone?

Oh, that's good. That's good.

I do really think... I could do...do the job.

Does Terry still work there?

That's right, in the Accounts.

Yes, I know Terry.

Yeah....Just say ...say that Kevin said hello.

He **1 word** be able to put in a good word for me.
That's... yeah...he knew me from the old office, you see?
I just thought I'd mentioned that.
You never know anything helps.
Ok then.
Well, I'll I'll forward my CV andI look forward to hearing from you.
All right, thank you very very much. Ok.
Bye bye.

NERVES OF STEEL

Kathryn: You won't believe what happened to my friends just a couple of weeks ago.

Oh, this is really really scary what happened to them. My two friends.

They told me. Oh it was... late morning, they were at home.

Late morning. Just at home.

A weekday... late morning.

I think it was a little bit warm so they had a few windows open.

And... I think they were studying or something. And ...one of...well both of them they heard somebody knocking on the door.

So they looked **3 words** window.... "Ooh just, it's a salesman or somebody selling something."

They were busy they thought : "Let's just not answer the door." They just let it go.

He knocked a bit more. He **3 words** the bell.

They thought: "Go away!" They just ignored him.

Then I think they...they think he went around to the back door and tried there!

And the door was locked and they thought:"He'll leave because we're not answering."

He'll think: "We're not at home."

So they they let it go and they continued.

They were both sitting in the room studying and then they had the door was closed of the room they were in.... they heard something strange outside the door.

They couldn't believe it!

It **1 word** like someone walking **1 word** the door of the room they were in but they were the only **1 word** in the house!

So they thought: "Oou ouu!" Scary!

One of the girls opened the door and there's a man standing!

"How scary is this?"

Imagine, she opens the door there's a strange man standing at the door in the house!

Just standing there andthey were probably terrified but one of the girls was...was able to think quickly and just started shouting.... shouting at the man.

I think she **3 words** a little bit at him.

I think that's amazing!

I would have just frozen.

I think maybe the other girl **2 words** when you're just so scared you can't think I would have... I probably **3 words** ...

I would have fainted dead away. Yes, I would have **2 words** .

It's amazing.

Anyway, because this... one of the girls screamed at him and yelled at him.

It startled him I think. He....

They expected no one to be in the house. It turned outwhat happened was **1 word** and there were two men.

They climbed **2 words** the bathroom window which was I guess big enough for them to squeeze through, so they... apparently they...knocked on the doors, rang the bells, checking to see if anyone was home.

No answer. So they thought: "No one is home!" "Let's **2 words** !" "Let's go inside!"

Soclearly when the girl opened the door and shouted at him he was so taken by surprise so startled he didn't expect anyone.

He was probably more scared than she was.

So anyway, she shouted at him and he ran out. I think they **3 words** the front door and there were two of them, they both ran out and the girls kind of followed out and they

were.... these girls are sharp I think, they were thinking quickly because it must have taken just a few seconds.

The men ran out, they hopped into a car and drove away but they were able to copy down **3 words**

Again I would have been...

I wouldn't have been able to do it.

They called the police. The police came, checked things out in the house.

I guess on the computer system they checked the licence plate.

So to make **4 words** - they found the men. They arrested them. They were taken into custody.

I'm not sure how long they were held but "how scary again?"

The girls had to go to the police station to try to identify these men.

But I guess because it was so quickly it happened so quickly and they were so scared, they weren't able to 100% identify the men for sure.

That's good because if they weren't sure, it's not good to say: "Oh that's him!"

If they weren't sure they wouldn't feel right.

So they were NOT completely sure which were the men that had broken into the house.

So I'm not sure a few days passed I believe. And the police had checked for fingerprints and things in the house they couldn't find any fingerprints.

Maybe they....Usually these criminals and **1 word** are experts and professionals (**unfinished**) "pros" we would say they were careful to not touch anything.

They probably slid into the window and then..

Nicky: Did they steal anything?

K: I don't think they stole anything.

They didn't have enough time.

They apparently climbed in and were just checking out the house to see what they could steal and because the screamer the girl that screamed at them... chased them out before they could steal anything and apparently they didn't touch anything.

Must had gloves!

But they.... kept them for a while in custody I guess checking which is good to know the police would do this.

But then the girls got a phone call few days after I think and they said: "We have... had to release them because there's no proof, no concrete proof, no fingerprints."

And because the girls couldn't 100% identify they had to let them go.

That's pretty scary, pretty scary!

This was in the middle of the day

N: So basically there was no sufficient evidence

K: There wasn't sufficient evidence to prove that they did this, but they did.

I mean it's obvious, the girls wouldn't make this up. They did it!

But that's the way the system is, the criminal justice system I guess, you have to have physical physical proof which is pretty scary because these men are out somewhere but probably somewhere else they won't come back.

At least that's the good thing, they won't come back to the same spot.

But it's it's a bit scary that... they're gonna probably do it again, I imagine.

But how scary for those poor girls.

I think they're very brave.

That was a big ordeal, that was a big ordeal!

Go down to the police station, try to identify, how scary.

N: How do they feel right now?

K: I thinkIt's been a few weeks, so I think they're ok now but they were very edgy and jumpy and nervous and I don't blame them one bit.

Because again imagine, we say: "broad daylight!"

In the middle of the day!

It's bad enough at night but in the middle of the day you're at home you have a window open because you're warm and somebody comes in!

Pretty scary!

But they're actually ok now, I think.

They're ...they realise it's past. They're ok...

N: You suppose to feel safe at home

K: You want to feel safe at home, that's the sad thing. Yeah.

But I think they're they're feeling ok now. So....

Nothing happened to them, nothing was stolen.

But it is a scary experience.

IN MINT CONDITION

Nicky: Ryan, I need a new car.

Ryan: Really?

N: I found this one in the paper. Could you **3 words** for me?

R: Do you have the details?

N: Yes, I do.

R: I'll do it now for you

N: Yes, please.

R: Sure.

N: **3 words** .

Let's just have a look.

Aah. It's a Vauxhall... good choice.

Let me just make a call.

Hi ! I've just seen your **1 word** in the paper about the Vauxhall.

"Is it still for sale?"

Aaah, that's just great.

"Could you tell me some information?"

"Do we have the colour?"

It's silver.

"Is that ok?"

N: Yeah, it's fine.

R: Aah, that's great.

"And is there any damage to **2 words** ?" "No?" It is in good condition.

"MOT?" We need to know... "Can we **3 words** on the road?"

11 months MOT.... Oooh, that's really great. We have 11 months MOT.

"There isn't any **2 words** , though?"

That's ok. We can get that from the Post Office.

"Does it have power steering?"

It does have power steering. Oh, that's great, too.

"Electric windows?"

"Do we have alloy wheels?"

Oh, that's good, too and it has a CD player. That's great.

" **3 words** ?" "You are in Colchester?"

I might need some directions because I don't know exactly where you are.

Maybe you could text me your post code. That would be great.

Do you know "Does it have any service history?"

So it has been **1 word** by the local garage from new!

Oh, that is really really important for me.

And it's a small engine.

"Do you know if it is economical to run?"

Very economical forty miles for the gallon.

That's a lot better than what my old car has.

One thing I'm really really interested in... is "do you .." "Do you deal in **2 words** ?

Well my other car it is not so new but it must be **1 word** something to you.

If I bring it down to you... "You can have a look?" And then maybe we can do a deal.

Ah, that's excellent.

"What day would be good for you because I really would like to come and see this car very very quickly?"

"This afternoon?" Yes, I can do that.

"About five o'clock?"

Five o'clock would be great. Ok.

I should get the details from you and I should come down and I should bring my friend...

And she would like **2 words** the car before she buys it. "Is that ok?"

Oh, that's brilliant!

"And is it ok if we bring a mechanic, too... to inspect **2 words** before we buy it?"

That's good.

You sound like a really really honest car sales man.

Ok, we will see you at 5 o'clock then... and you can text me the address.

Ok, thank you.

Bye bye.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

Nicky: I have to tell you my husband is **VERY** jealous.

Kathryn: Is he really jealous? Ooooooh...

N: Yes.

K: Is he like... normal jealous? Sometimes people are just a little protective and feel a little jealous or like

Really jealous? Really jealous?

N: Oh yes he is. Normal jealous. Normal.

K: He's normal jealous because I was gonna say if you said he was really jealous I'd say I can tell you about really jealous.

My friend's wife, I think I mentioned her a few times... she is so.. **2 words** jealous. Just beyond normal maybe like your husband is... normal jealous... abnormally jealous.

She.... will not leave him alone.

She she **1 word** his every move, everything he does.

It's as if like she puts him under a microscope to look at everything he's doing all day all **2 words**.

When he goes to work, of course he has to go to work alone she'll call him at work... he would think he's safe at work. She calls him at work...

N: Does she?

K: That is just so... He's gonna **3 words** he tells - he tries to be understanding and gentle with her and says: „Well, call me during my lunch break.“

And then „uh“ she thought: „Oh, he only wants me to call during lunch break.“

So then she's now calling him during the day... in the morning, in the afternoon...

If he's not there...

N: So wait a minute! So how many times does she actually call him.... at work?

K: From what he says it sounds to me like she calls him almost every hour at least once an hour, maybe more... so we're talking what ten times a day.

How can he get his work done?

He explained to his boss a little bit.

N: That's horrible

K: It's so bad because he is not... the thing is he is not doing anything.

He's faithful to her.

He's...we ...I've known him a while. He's a friend of the family so we know pretty much... his personal situation.

He's not doing anything wrong.

He's not doing anything to make her jealous but she goes **1 word** even that. It gets even worse.

She will...for example he comes home he hangs his jacket up and.... she thinks he doesn't know but he can tell later she goes through the **2 words** his jacket.

She takes his wallet and goes through it.

If he happens to have maybe a phone number maybe it's I don't know a store, a shop number, a co-worker's number something like that...

She will get the phone number and call the person! Can you imagine?

N: Does she?

K: That's **1 word**! That's crazy! That's **1 word** I think.

N: What did he say?

K: He... and when he found out because she **1 word** him a few times.

And she would say with a piece of paper. „I found this number in your **1 word**!“ so she told him that she is checking **2 words** ... no secret there... and „What's this about?“ You know.

And a woman answered the phone then she **2 words**. And „Who is it?“ „Why are you calling her?“

It turned out it was completely innocent. I think it was work related had nothing to do with an affair or anything like that.

And he explained to her: „It was from work we had to plan a meeting.“

She didn't believe him she she explodes at him.

Her temper...she has a bad temper to begin with, a very volatile temper.

Just one small thing will set it off. „pewh“

She's like a bomb, a time bomb waiting to go off.

And it takes ...very little to get that temper going like that so even that one situation with the phone call... he told her: „Work, it was work.“ And she just explodes at him.

And on and on and on...

„I can't trust you!“ and „How do I know what you're doing!“

So to prove to her... he tries to prove to her „I'm faithful there's nothing going on.“

He'll go out with some friends and he invited her: „Come with me, meet my friends!“

N: Did he? So they went out together?

K: Yeah. They all went out a little group from work.

And he was a bit sorry because there were some women, co-workers women and these were women with boyfriends or husbands.

They're sitting in pairs and couples. She still sitting there „arr“ scowling and looking at the women and thinking „arr“

And he... he was so embarrassed...

N: Did he think she is naturally suspicious of every single woman he talks to?

K: She is, she is. So suspicious and there's nothing to support her suspicions.

Yet it just doesn't lessen at all.

So because he made the mistake I think of inviting her that one time.

Every time he wants to go out with anyone: „Can I come?“ „Oh I'll come with you!“ „You don't mind, do you?“

And inside he's thinking: „Ooooh...“

N: So she doesn't let him go out on his own?

K: Just about never!

And he thought...he didn't want to sneak out or not tell her... he wants to be honest so has a clear **1 word** but she she will come with him always and then criticize, complain, explode at him even when she exploded...in frontand right there, in front of the friends...

And how embarrassing must that be.

Can you imagine????

N: Oh, that must have been very very embarrassing!

K: With with these poor ladies who are married to someone else or are not involved with him.... have to hear his wife say: „What's going on with you two?“ „You're doing something, aren't you?“

And these...some of the women were just... shocked and now they don't want to be friends with him anymore.

Can you **1 word** them?

N: Does she actually pick him up from work and does she drop him off at work as well?

K: Yes, she does. Yes, she does.

She thinks something will happen on the way to work or on the way back.

He's ok with that because then he doesn't have to bother with driving.

And he thought if it ...if it ...helps calm things down.

If it ...maybe helps her be less suspicious which it really doesn't.

But who knows maybe it would be worse if she didn't drop him off and pick him up.

And then sometimes he has to work late so she she wants to pick him up at say five and he calls to say: „We're having a meeting.“ or

„I'm gonna be **1 word** , can you pick me up later?“

Guess what she does?

Nope. „He's having **2 words** !“

She she drives out there at five... goes in :“What's going on...?“

N: Checks

K: And he's in the middle of a meeting.

Yeah

N: She's like a sniffing dog.

K: Just completely like like a face coming through the door. It's crazy.

So there goes his...he had important meetings she walks in... and he's a little worried about his job.

His boss understands his wife is a little loopy but enough is enough, you know.

They have to do their jobs.

I really feel sorry for him.

But he stays with her. He loves her and...

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

Kevin: Hello? Yes I do still have the house for rent.

In fact, I have two.

"Which one were you interested in?"

Oh, the one in Clacton.

Yes....

Yes, the house in Clacton it has three bedrooms.

Two of the bedrooms are quite big but one is a little bit small but it is perfectly... **2 words** a child.

Yeah, in the other two bedrooms you can easily get double beds in and **2 words** to keep your clothes, your **1 word** and a dressing table.

Both of the big bedrooms look out over to the back garden.

But the front bedroom... it looks out over a small road but it's not a busy road.

It's very quiet.

It's never ever been a problem for anybody.

The garden?

The ...well, the front garden, you have parking for two cars and there is also a garage but the garage it's.. it's not big.

If you have a little car you'll get your car in but if you have a big car you can just park in front of it.

Yeah, that's right.

And the back garden... has **3 words** .

It's perfect for your barbecues in the summer and it **1 word** the sun all day long.

There is a small amount of grass which we do askthat anybody that takes the house keeps it nice and tidy.

And there is a plum tree. Every year you'll have as many plums as you like.

That's right, yeah.

Yes, it does have a conservatory.

That's on the back and it is nearly as big as the living room.

The conservatory, I think is 5 metres by 3 metres.

Yeah, we use it as a second dining room, that's right.

We have our tables **2 words** there and you can **3 words** the garden.

The living room is ...about 7 metres by 3 and a half metres... and it has a connection for the telephone and the TV.

There is also a Sky dish.

Yeah, you just got to plug your box straight into it.

It's gas central heating and we have radiators.

And all of the radiators have ...the valves on ...so that you can **3 words** in each room and it makes the house much more economical.

And also the house is very very well insulated.

Last year I got a company in and they insulated in between the walls.

And this will save you a lot of money.

Yeah, and in the roof space - above the house, that is very well insulated as well.

I should tell you the water.... is on a water meter and that means that you pay, like you pay for your gas and electricity. You pay for how much you use. But you only pay like twice a year for that.

That's right, that is your responsibility. Yes.

From.... oh, from the town...No. No, no.

From the town it's only a five minutes' walk and it's a very safe walk as well.

There's only one sort of road to cross and there is a zebra crossing.
 And you have, all of your...all of your shops are there and the pub that serves food and drink is only one minute's away.
 Yeah, the area is very very quiet.
 We only lock up our back door at night... you can leave it open all day long.
 And the neighbours they are really friendly.
 You'll know Paul and Jackie from one side and Wendy and Phil on the other.
 If there are any problems... I'm sure that they will help you. Really.
 No. It's such a quiet area.
 And everybody parks on their own driveways so there's never a problem when you have guests come and stay and things like that.
 No, it's not furnished. There's no furniture that comes with the property but we do have **2 words** on the windows and carpets on the flooror ...or laminated floor in the kitchen.
 But I do have some furniture... if you are...if **3 words** .
 I have..... I have some beds and I have.... a couple of settees and armchairs.
 And I do have it's old but it works perfectly I do have an old fridge and an old washing machine.
 And we can make sure those are there, yeah.
 "The rent?"
 The rent is 875 pounds per month and we do insist on getting a contract **2 words** .
 It protects everybody and the contract is for minimum of six months.
 That means if you do move in you have to stay for a minimum of six months then you can just give me one month's notice and you can move out.
 But if I want to take the house back which I won't, I have to give you at least two months' notice.
 But after the six months period it just rolls over.
 And... I'm sure by then we'll have no problem.
 Yes, I do take a deposit and the deposit is secured for you.
 And the deposit is one month's rent and we secure this and give you a receipt because if we don't, we can get in trouble.... with the... with the law now.
 It's illegal for us not to secure your deposit.
 It's **1 word** yeah. I said earlier.... it's **3 words** .
 There is a living room but we don't have a separate dining room although the living room is big enough to put all of your furniture and a dining table but you do have the conservatory.
 The bathroom is upstairs.... there is a toilet as well in the bathroom upstairs but **3 words** this, downstairs, yes we have a toilet as well.
 So, in the mornings it's no problem when everybody wants to use the bathroom at the same time there are two toilets. Yeah.
 "Well, would you like to come and see?"
 "Where where are you coming from?"
 Oh Colchester. That's no problem.
 As you as you come into Clacton you'll see the big roundabout... The Fire station roundabout.
 That's right.
 You turn left at The Fire station roundabout... on the old London road....you'll see the pub "The Robin Hood" and we are just around the corner from there. Yeah.
 That's great.
 "What what day would you like to come?"
 "This afternoon?"
 We can do this afternoon if we say 4 o'clock.

Ok then. That's no problem then.
I'll see you at 4 o'clock.
Ok. Thank you very much.
Bye, bye.

GAP – FILL ACTIVITIES

THE KEY

NOT LOSE SLEEP OVER IT

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|------------------|-------------------|
| 1. I'll | 7. shovelling |
| 2. a last minute | 8. a shoplifter |
| 3. suspicious | 9. a quick glance |
| 4. off the shelf | 10. racing |
| 5. bulky | 11. pounding |
| 6. the other way | 12. stole |

THE PENNY MUST DROP

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. infatuated | 8. flirt |
| 2. work colleague | 9. that alone |
| 3. constantly | 10. the guy |
| 4. infatuated | 11. opportunity |
| 5. crush | 12. come out |
| 6. colleague | 13. to avoid |
| 7. convinced | 14. the chasing |

MUTTON DRESSED AS LAMB

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|------------------|--------------------|
| 1. get by | 8. devious |
| 2. is tearing | 9. to sponge |
| 3. fooled | 10. unless |
| 4. therefore | 11. hilarious |
| 5. contribute to | 12. a necessity |
| 6. short of | 13. sheer |
| 7. sneaky | 14. slender figure |

PULL YOUR WEIGHT !

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. days off sick | 8. sloppy |
| 2. either | 9. strop |
| 3. cover for | 10. strop |
| 4. phoned in | 11. have a go at |
| 5. gambling on | 12. an hour's pay |
| 6. tournament | 13. in the queue |
| 7. such a slacker | 14. bloke |

DROWNED RAT

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| 1. downpour | 9. a puddle of |
| 2. torrential | 10. plastered to |
| 3. got caught | 11. gushing out |
| 4. drizzle | 12. to the bone |
| 5. tapers off | 13. the kettle |

6. make a run for
7. drenched
8. dripping

14. ghastly
15. a leak
16. carry

AS KEEN AS MUSTARD

1. another
2. accounting to
3. permanent
4. within
5. the actual
6. directly

7. computer literate
8. beforehand
9. forward
10. for the attention of
11. are you likely
12. might

NERVES OF STEEL

1. out of the
2. might have rung
3. sounded
4. towards
5. ones
6. might have sworn
7. froze up
8. would have fainted

9. passed out
10. apparently
11. in through
12. break in
13. ran out of
14. the licence plate
15. a long story short
16. burglars

IN MINT CONDITION

1. ring them up
2. here you are
3. advert
4. the bodywork
5. take it straight
6. Road Tax

7. Whereabouts are you
8. maintained
9. parts exchange
10. worth
11. to test-drive
12. the vehicle

GRIN AND BEAR IT

1. ridiculously outrageously
2. scrutinizes
3. the time
4. get in trouble
5. beyond
6. pockets of
7. cookie
8. loopy

9. confronted
10. wallet
11. his wallet
12. hung up
13. conscience
14. blame
15. delayed
16. an affair

LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP

1. suitable for
2. your furniture
3. wardrobe
4. a patio area

8. adjust the temperature
9. curtains up
10. you are struggling
11. drawn up

5.catches

6.set up

7.look out to

12. detached

13. a detached property

14. in addition to