

Pre-Intermediate 1
Unit 5: Reading
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Going to a Fortune-Teller

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fortune /'fɔːr.tʃuːn/ = the set of good or bad events that happen to you and have an effect on your life

fortune-teller = a person who tells you what they think will happen to you in the future

believe in sth = think that sth is true

- *Michael believes in God.*
- *Muslims believe in the holy Quran.*

may ⇔ might

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at the fortune-teller's = at the fortune-teller's place

She found the room very dark. = The room was very dark.

dark ≠ bright; sunny

suddenly = all of a sudden ≠ little by little

Point:

We use "voice" for people, but we use "sound" for animals or things.

Examples:

- *Robert is a good singer and he has a beautiful voice.*
- *I could hear the sound of the rain against the roof.*

obey /oʊ'beɪ/ = follow someone's orders

obey ≠ disobey

lady = woman

"I'll tell you your fortune," said the old lady. "I can see your future in my crystal ball. Ah, you'll be very successful in life. You'll have a long, long life."

you'll = you will

successful ≠ unsuccessful

"Who will I marry?" asked Jane.

"You'll marry a rich and handsome man," the old lady replied.

marry somebody = get married to somebody

Don't Say: Richard married **with** Monica.

Say: *Richard married Monica.*

Say: *Richard got married to Monica.*

Point:

We usually use "handsome" for men and "beautiful" for women. We can use "good-looking" for both men and women.

Examples:

- ❖ *Tom is handsome.*
- ❖ *Sally is beautiful.*
- ❖ *Tom and Sally are good-looking.*

reply = answer

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then = after that

receive = get ≠ send

note (noun) = a piece of writing

important ≠ unimportant

have something to do with = be related to, be about

- *This letter has something to do with politics.*
- *Our lesson next session has something to do with the geography of Europe.*
- *My question has to do with last week's assignment.*

Jane was very pleased and she thanked the lady. She paid for the fortune-telling and then she left. When Jane returned to her car, she noticed a note on her windshield!

pleased = happy

thank (verb) = say thank you to somebody

- *We should always thank God for his blessings.*

leave ⇔ left

leave = go out

return = go back

notice = see, spot, become aware of



windshield (American) = **windscreen** (British)

Jane smiled and thought, "This may be that important note." She read the note and her smile disappeared. It was a parking ticket for twenty-five dollars.

This may be ... = Maybe this is ...

disappear = vanish ≠ appear

"What bad luck!" admitted Jane. The fortune-teller was right. The note did have something to do with money!

admit = to agree that something is true, especially unwillingly

The note **did have** something to do with money. ⇨ **Emphatic**
= The note really had something to do with money. = The note was really related to money.

parking ticket = an official notice put on your vehicle when you have parked illegally that tells you that you must pay a fine

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Sample Summary:

Jane visited a fortune-teller for fun. The fortune-teller predicted Jane would be successful, live long, and marry a rich, handsome man. She also mentioned Jane would receive an important note related to money that day. After leaving, Jane found a parking ticket on her car, and understood the fortune-teller's prediction was true, but not in the way she expected.

Source:

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