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The Wedding

Study Guide



SEASON 1

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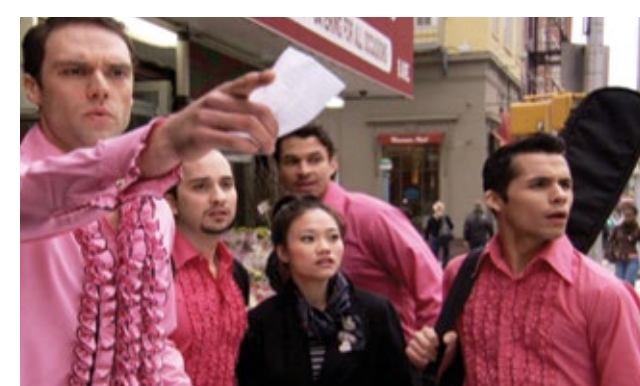


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The Wedding

**The band is lost.
The photographer is sick.
The dress is too big.**



The wedding is... tomorrow?!!!

The Wedding

The bride tries on her wedding dress.



It's a big job. But Mrs. Lee, the dressmaker, can fix the dress.



The Wedding Photographer

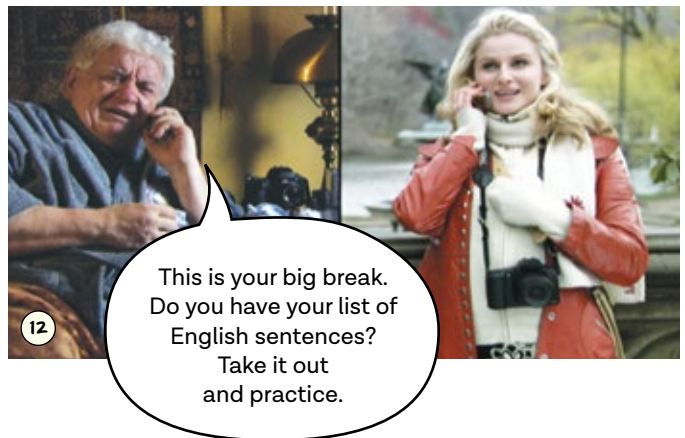
Uncle Sasha is supposed to take pictures at the wedding.
But Sasha is sick.



Sasha gives the job to Tanya.



Tanya is excited. But she will have to practice her English.



big break = big job opportunity

The Band

Manny works in a restaurant. He also has a band.
They have a job!



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Carlos,
we got a job.
Tomorrow.
A wedding.



Excellent!



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Tomorrow, Tito!
1 o'clock sharp.
Get the drums ready.
We'll meet
at the subway.

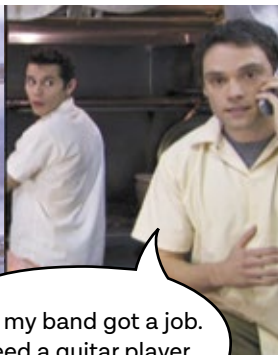


The band needs a guitar player. Will Chi do it?



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Chi, my band got a job.
I need a guitar player.
Tomorrow.



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It's our big break.
Come on, Chi.
Help us out!



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I'm in. I'll do it!

The Head Waiter at the Wedding

Ahmed calls his cousin, Mohammed.
He needs help at his food cart.



Ahmed is the head waiter at the wedding tomorrow. It's his big break!



head waiter = most important waiter

Tanya Practices English for the Job



Mrs. Lee Has to Work All Night

She calls her husband to tell him.



The Wedding Day

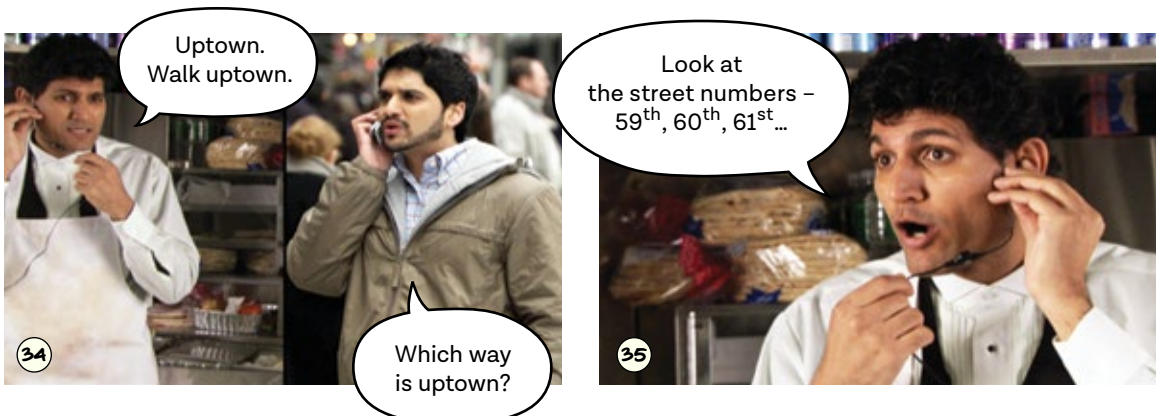
Ahmed waits at his food cart for Mohammed.



Mohammed is late, and he needs directions.

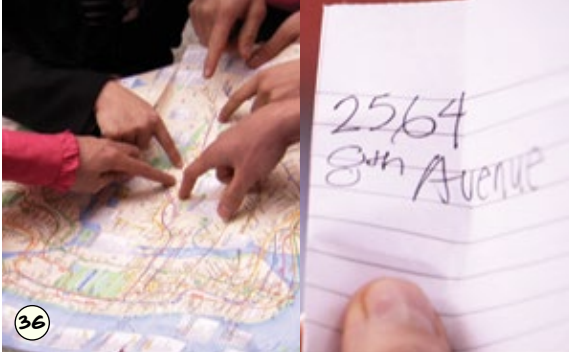


Ahmed tells him which way to walk.



The Band Is Lost

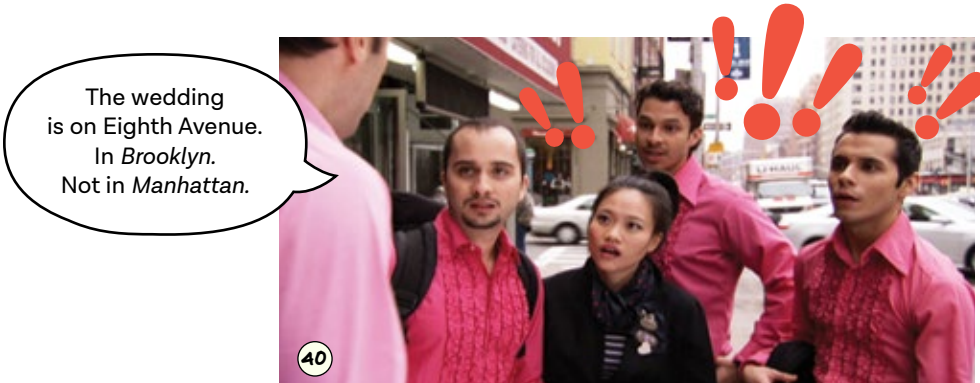
Manny and the band go to 2564 Eighth Avenue in Manhattan.



But something's wrong. They can't find the wedding.



Manny explains the mistake.



Mohammed Is Also Lost



Ahmed doesn't want to be late for his job at the wedding.



Mohammed Asks for Help



A blind man helps him.



On the way, Mohammed practices his English.



The band arrives on time. The dress fits.
Tanya takes pictures. Ahmed serves champagne.



New York is like one big wedding...
Lots of people working day and night to make it all happen.

Who We Are

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.

Ahmed • band • ~~bride~~ • Mrs. Lee
Manny • Mohammed • Sasha • Tanya



1. I am the bride. I'm getting married tomorrow. But I have a problem. My wedding dress is too big. It's my grandmother's dress. It just arrived from Ecuador!

2. I'm _____. I am a dressmaker. I have a little problem. My husband's family is coming from China tonight, but I have to fix a wedding dress. It's a big job. It's a big dress! It will take all night.



3. My name is _____. I'm a photographer. Tomorrow I have a big job—a wedding. My problem is my English. I just arrived in New York. What do you say in English to make people smile?

4. You say, "Say cheese!" to make people smile. I'm a photographer, too. My name is _____. I'm Tanya's uncle. I'm supposed to take pictures at the wedding, but I'm sick. It's a good thing Tanya can do it!





5. **My name is** _____. Tomorrow, my band is playing at a wedding. This is our big break. We can't be late. I'm meeting my band at the subway. The wedding is on Eighth Avenue. I've got the address.

6. **We are in Manny's** _____.

Our names are Tito, Chi, Carlos and Ramon. Tomorrow we have a big job—a wedding. We're meeting Manny at the subway. He's got the address. He knows where we're going.



7. **My name is** _____. Tomorrow is my big break. I'm the head waiter at a wedding. But what about my food cart? My cousin, Mohammed, can help me. I hope he finds the cart.

8. **My name is** _____. I will help my cousin, Ahmed. I'll be there on time. Don't worry. No problem.



What Happens?

The Day Before the Wedding

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.

calls • gives • says • take • ~~tries on~~

- The day before the wedding, the bride tries on her dress.
It is too big. The dressmaker, Mrs. Lee, _____ she can fix it.
- Uncle Sasha is a photographer. He is supposed to _____ pictures at the wedding, but he's sick. Sasha _____ Tanya on her cell phone and tells her that he's sick. He _____ the job to her.
It's Tanya's big break.

has • needs • plays • tells

- Manny works in a restaurant, and he also _____ music in a band.
Manny calls his friends in the band and _____ them they have a job. It's their big break.
- Ahmed _____ a food cart. He is also the head waiter at the wedding tomorrow. Ahmed _____ his cousin Mohammed to work at his food cart so he can do his job at the wedding.

What Happens?

The Wedding Day

Complete the sentences.

asks • calls • can't find • gives • goes • is

5. On the wedding day, Mohammed _____ Ahmed's food cart. Mohammed _____ Ahmed on his cell phone to ask for directions. Ahmed _____ Mohammed directions, but Mohammed gets lost. He _____ a blind man to help him.
6. The band _____ also lost. The band _____ to 2564 Eighth Avenue in Manhattan. But the wedding is on Eighth Avenue in *Brooklyn*.



Talking about The Wedding

Circle the word that is different. Follow the examples.

1. uptown

downtown

cell phone

5. turn left

walk straight

get sick

2. street

avenue

wedding

6. food cart

musician

photographer

3. which way

when

what direction

7. wedding

bride

pizza

4. address

location

late

8. on time

one o'clock sharp

big break

Talking about The Wedding

is supposed to = is expected to
isn't supposed to = isn't expected to

Circle **is supposed to** or **isn't supposed to**.

Follow the example.

1. The bride **is supposed to** / **isn't supposed to** wear her grandmother's dress, but it's too big. Mrs. Lee has to fix the dress.
2. Sasha **is supposed to** / **isn't supposed to** take pictures at the wedding, but he is sick. He has to ask Tanya to do the job.
3. Tanya **is supposed to** / **isn't supposed to** practice her English before the wedding. She has to know what to say.
4. Manny **is supposed to** / **isn't supposed to** know where the wedding is, but he doesn't. He has to call someone to find out the correct address.
5. The band **is supposed to** / **isn't supposed to** go to Manhattan. The wedding is in Brooklyn!
6. No one **is supposed to** / **isn't supposed to** be late. Everyone has to be at the wedding on time.

Where Is It?

Find these things in the story.

Write the page number(s). Follow the example.



- 1. engagement ring page 1
- 2. box of tissues _____
- 3. scarf _____
- 4. Tanya's camera _____
- 5. food cart _____
- 6. park bench _____
- 7. sewing machine _____
- 8. subway map _____
- 9. street sign _____
- 10. champagne glasses _____

Where Is Mohammed?

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.



north • numbers • Street • uptown • ~~Where~~ • which way

Ahmed: Mohammed, what's going on? (1) Where are you?

Mohammed: 59th (2) _____ and Lexington. Where do I go?

Ahmed: North. You have to walk (3) _____ to 63rd Street.

Mohammed: Ahmed, (4) _____ is north?

Ahmed: Uptown. Walk (5) _____.

Mohammed: Which way is uptown?

Ahmed: Look at the street (6) _____ — 59th, 60th, 61st...

Avenue • blocks • lost • walking • way

Mohammed: Help me. I am (7) _____. I need to go to Madison (8) _____.

Blind Man: Sure. It's two (9) _____ that way.

Mohammed: Which (10) _____?

Blind Man: I'm (11) _____ that way. Come with me.

Asking for Directions



Manny has another wedding job.

This time, he asks more questions to get the right address.

- Manny:** Hello. I am supposed to play music for the wedding this afternoon. *Can I have your address?*
- Wedding Coordinator:** It's 1336 Sixth Avenue.
- Manny:** *Can you repeat that, please?*
- Wedding Coordinator:** Sure. Our address is 1336 Sixth Avenue.
- Manny:** *That's 1336 Sixth Avenue, right?*
- Wedding Coordinator:** That is correct.
- Manny:** *Which borough is that in—Brooklyn or Manhattan?*
- Wedding Coordinator:** Brooklyn.
- Manny:** *Which train do I take?*
- Wedding Coordinator:** Take the R train.
- Manny:** *Okay. Let me make sure I got that right. 1336 Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn. Take the R train.*
- Wedding Coordinator:** Exactly!

Wedding Coordinator = person in charge of a wedding

Good Question!

Put the words in order. Follow the example.

1. have • Can • I • address • your • ?

Can I have your address?

2. Avenue • , • right • That's • Sixth • 1336 • ?
-

3. that • Can • please • you • , • repeat • ?
-

4. I • do • get • there • How • ?
-

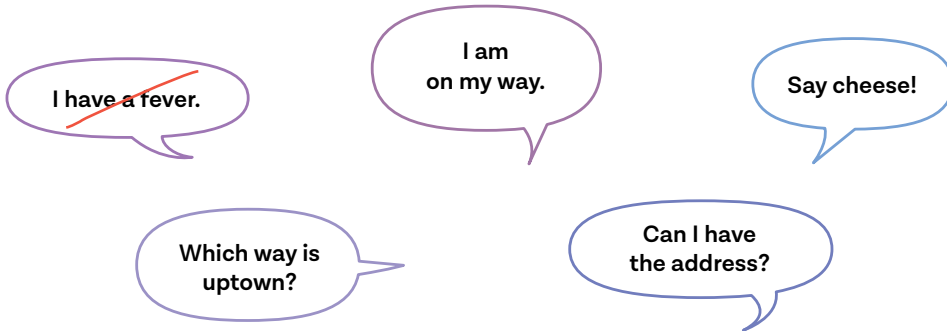
5. Which • I • do • take • train • ?
-

6. Can • me • you • help • ?
-

7. way • Which • uptown • is • ?
-

Practice the questions. Say them out loud!

What Can You Say?



What can you say? Follow the example.

1. You are **Sasha**. Tell Tanya why you can't work tomorrow.

I have a fever.

2. You are **Mohammed**. You need to go north. Ask where to go.

3. You are **Manny**, and you are lost. Ask for the address of the wedding.

4. You are **Mohammed**. Tell Ahmed you are coming.

5. You are **Tanya**. Tell the bride to smile.

You are an actor! Say the words.

Reading the Subway Map



Subway map excerpt reprinted with permission.

True or False? Look at the subway map.
Follow the example.

1. True The A train stops at 125th Street.
2. _____ There are two different stops called Grand Concourse.
3. _____ You can take the 4, 5 or 6 train to 103rd Street.
4. _____ You can take the 2 train to Central Park and 110th Street.
5. _____ The A train stops at 103rd Street.
6. _____ Most of the subway stops on this map are in Manhattan.

Watch the Show

Who says it?

Watch **The Wedding**. Listen carefully.

Find out who says these lines.

Who says it?

1. "Mrs. Lee can fix anything. She's the best!" _____
2. "Pay attention. I moved the cart. It is on the corner of East 63rd Street and Madison Avenue." _____
3. "You're late! You said 'American time,' didn't you?" _____
4. "Where's the guitar player?" _____
5. "Foot doctor!" _____
6. "They moved the wedding... to Brooklyn!" _____
7. "Sometimes, I think New York is like one big wedding." _____



Mr. Joseph



Mrs. Lee



Ahmed



Carlos



Tito



Ramon



Manny
(the band leader)

Watch the Show

What's going on?

What do you think is going on in this picture?



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What Does This Mean?



Find the meaning. Follow the example.

1. Sasha says, "This is your **big break**."
What does "**big break**" mean?
 - A It means be serious.
 - B It means this is your big opportunity.
3. Ahmed says, "Mohammed, **stop playing games** with me."
What does "**stop playing games**" mean?
 - C It means you will join the group. You accept!
4. Chi says, "**I'm in**. I'll do it."
What does "**I'm in**" mean?
 - D It means be there at exactly 1 o'clock. You can't be late.

What You Can Do To Learn More English

- ✔ Get together with friends who are learning English, too.
Watch **We Speak NYC** together. Do the exercises together.
- ✔ Read the story out loud with a friend—like actors on TV!
It's a good way to learn.
- ✔ Go to your local public library. To find the nearest library, call 311
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or www.queenslibrary.org.
- ✔ If you have a high school diploma and want to improve your English
and start college, go to www.clip.cuny.edu or www.cuny.edu.
- ✔ Make a list of words and expressions you learned from
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What You Can Do To Get Around New York City



Manny

Ask for a free subway map. **Say:** “Can I have a map?”

Find how to get from your home to these places:

- Central Park in Manhattan
- Borough Hall in Brooklyn
- Grand Central Station in Manhattan
- Flushing Meadows Park in Queens
- Yankee Stadium in the Bronx
- City Hall in Manhattan

Ahmed

Learn more about New York City’s subways
and buses at these websites:

- www.mta.info
- tripplanner.mta.info
- www.straphangers.org



Mrs. Lee

Take a free ride on the Staten
Island Ferry. See the Statue
of Liberty from the ferry.

Get the schedule at this
website: www.siferry.com

Mohammed

Write down addresses.
Ask for directions.



Dictionary: Translation of Key Words

| English | Español | 中文 |
|-----------------------|---|-------|
| 1. address | dirección | 地址 |
| 2. ask for directions | pedir direcciones | 問路 |
| 3. downtown/uptown | parte baja/parte alta (de Manhattan) | 下城/上城 |
| 4. early/late | temprano/tarde | 早/晚 |
| 5. east/west | este/oeste | 東/西 |
| 6. express/local | expreso/local | 快車/慢車 |
| 7. on time | a tiempo | 按時 |
| 8. lost | perdido | 迷路 |
| 9. north/south | norte/sur | 北/南 |
| 10. which way | en qué dirección | 哪條路 |

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| Русский | বাংলা | العربية |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| адрес | ঠিকানা | عنوان |
| спрашивать дорогу | কোন পথে যেতে হবে তা জিজ্ঞাসা করা | سؤال عن الاتجاهات |
| южный/северный район (Манхэттена) | ডাউনটাউন/আপটাউন | جنوب مانهاتن / شمال مانهاتن |
| рано/поздно | তাড়াতাড়ি/দেরি | مبكراً/متأخراً |
| восток/запад | পূর্ব/পশ্চিম | شرق/غرب |
| экспресс/местный | এক্সপ্রেস/লোকাল | سريع/محلي |
| вовремя | সময়মত | في الوقت المحدد |
| потерянный, утраченный | হারিয়ে যাওয়া | تائه |
| север/юг | উত্তর/দক্ষিণ | شمال/جنوب |
| как добраться | কোন পথে | أي طريق |

Answers

Pages 11-12

1. bride
2. Mrs. Lee
3. Tanya
4. Sasha
5. Manny
6. band
7. Ahmed
8. Mohammed

Pages 13-14

1. tries on, says
2. take, calls, gives
3. plays, tells
4. has, needs
5. can't find, calls, gives, asks
6. is, goes

Page 15

1. cell phone
2. wedding
3. when
4. late
5. get sick
6. food cart
7. pizza
8. big break

Page 16

1. is supposed to
2. is supposed to
3. is supposed to
4. is supposed to
5. isn't supposed to
6. is supposed to

Page 17

1. page 1
2. page 2
3. pages 2, 5, 9
4. pages 2, 10
5. pages 4, 6, 8
6. page 4
7. page 5
8. page 7
9. page 8
10. page 10

Page 18

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|--------------|-------------|
| 1. Where | 7. lost |
| 2. Street | 8. Avenue |
| 3. north | 9. blocks |
| 4. which way | 10. way |
| 5. uptown | 11. walking |
| 6. numbers | |

Page 20

1. Can I have your address?
2. That's 1336 Sixth Avenue, right?
3. Can you repeat that, please?
4. How do I get there?
5. Which train do I take?
6. Can you help me?
7. Which way is uptown?

Page 21

1. I have a fever.
2. Which way is uptown?
3. Can I have the address?
4. I am on my way.
5. Say cheese!

Page 22

1. True
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. False
6. True

Page 23: Watch the show for these answers.

1. Mr. Joseph
2. Ahmed
3. Tito
4. Carlos
5. Ramon
6. Manny
7. Mr. Joseph

Page 25

- | | |
|-------------|----------|
| 1. dress | 4. band |
| 2. tomorrow | 5. late |
| 3. bride | 6. blind |

Page 26

1. B
2. D
3. A
4. C

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