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EPISODE 16: AT THE BUS STATION

I- DIALOGUE



Useful English Phrases Telling the time

- Exact hour = It's six o'clock;
- Quarter (15 minutes) = It's quarter past six;
- Half (30 minutes) = It's half past six;
- Quarter (15 minutes) = It's quarter to seven.

(...)

- 12 = midday;
- 24 = midnight;
- In the morning = a.m.
- In the afternoon = p.m.

Say the minutes first and then the hours. Use **past** and **to** as in the following examples.

Cashier- Good morning. How can I help you?

José- Good morning. I'd like to buy a ticket to the airport, please.

Cashier- When would you like to leave?

José- Tomorrow morning, as early as possible.

Cashier- There's a bus leaving every two hours, starting at 6:00.

José- 6:00? That's too early... And there's another at 8:00?

Cashier- Yes. That's correct.

José- I'd like a ticket for that one.

Cashier- Sure. Will that be **one-way** or **round-trip**?

José- One-way.

Cashier- Here you go. That's 22 dollars, please.

José- Here it is. Thank you.

Cashier- Thank you. Have a nice trip.

II- DEFINITIONS/ IDIOMS

ONE-WAY- moving/traveling in one direction only.

- *I bought a **one-way** ticket because I don't know when I'm coming back.*

ROUND-TRIP- A trip to one or more places and back again.

- *I booked a **round-trip** because it was actually cheaper than buying a one-way ticket.*

III- EXERCISES

- 5:20 - It's twenty past five. /
It's five twenty.

- 2:10- It's ten past two./It's
two ten.

- 3:40- It's twenty to four./It's
three forty

- 6:55- It's five to seven./It's
six fifty five.

1. Practice saying the following time:

8:00

9:10

10:30

11:15 am

12:00

00:00

6:40 pm

7:45

1. Choose the most appropriate answer:

a. "One-way or round-trip?"

1. "What do you mean round? I want to go straight to the airport."
2. "One-way, please"
3. "Round-trip. I 'll never come back!"

b. "Have you got the time?"

1. " No. I'm sorry."
2. " Yes. I'm very young."
3. "Ups... I'll take a rain check." "

c. "I'm running out of time."

1. "Maybe you'll catch it if you keep running!"
2. "You'd better hurry up then!"
3. "I know what you mean. Life goes by so fast..."

3. Listen to the dialogue one more time and order the sentences below:

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Cashier- Sure. Will that be **one-way** or **round-trip**?

José- 6:00? That's too early... And there's another at 8:00?

José- One-way.

José- I'd like a ticket for that one.

Cashier- When would you like to leave?

SOURCES: <http://idioms.thefreedictionary.com>; www.freefoto.com