

Intermediate 3
Unit 1 Dialog
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An Oral Exam

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Stephen ⇒ Ph in Stephen is usually pronounced as /v/.

oral = oral exam

well-prepared = ready enough

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Carlos: Oh, yes. Ms. Kimble asked me to tell you to go in right away.

Titles for Ladies:

Miss ⇒ Single Female

Mrs. ⇒ Married Female

Ms. ⇒ Single or Married Female

Point:

We must use a title either before a last name or a full name.

We can't use a title before a first name.

We can't usually use a title by itself.

right away = immediately

Stephen: All right. What questions did she ask you?

Carlos: First, she asked me what my name was.

what my name was ⇒ **Noun Clause**

Stephen: Well, that was pretty easy, wasn't it?

Carlos: Yeah, except I couldn't remember! And then she asked if I spoke any other languages.

pretty ⇒ Adverb of Degree

pretty + Adjective

If the stress is on the adjective, "pretty" means "very".

➤ That was pretty **easy**.

But if the stress is on the word "pretty" and not on the adjective, "pretty" means "rather".

rather = fairly = to some extent

➤ That was **pretty** easy.

except = other than

if = whether

if I spoke any other languages ⇒ **Noun Clause**

Stephen: Yes, yes, go on. What else did she ask?

Carlos: Mmm. I'm trying to remember. Oh! She gave me a picture and asked me to describe it.

go on = continue, go ahead

else = more

describe = depict

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Wish me luck! = Pray for me!

Full Text:

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Sample Summary:

Stephen and Carlos, both studying Italian as a foreign language, are about to take their final oral exam. Stephen is unprepared. Carlos has already finished the exam and shares that Ms. Kimble asked him basic questions about his name, other languages he speaks, and even showed him a picture to describe. Stephen is nervous and asks Carlos to wish him luck.

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