Just for a Few Days | A Chance for Maya (Slow English)

Complete transcript and practice

Use this after listening. It includes every spoken part: Peter’s opening, explanations, shadowing, the repeated conversation and the closing.

Opening AI notice

Peter: The voices in this podcast are AI-generated to help you understand and practise English.

Introduction

Peter: Maya has a room for two weeks.

Peter: But she needs a job.

Peter: At the library, Nora asks a simple question.

Peter: Maya gives an honest answer.

Peter: Welcome to episode three of A Chance for Maya.

Peter: Today, you will practise saying what you need and how much time you have.

Peter: First, listen to the whole conversation at natural speed.

Peter: Then we will explore it slowly, step by step.

First listening - natural speed

Nora: Hi. Are you looking for something?

Maya: Yes. I need a job.

Nora: I see. Are you staying here?

Maya: Yes, but just for a few days.

Nora: How many days?

Maya: I have two weeks.

Nora: Two weeks. That is not much time.

Maya: No. I need information.

Nora: There is a notice at the café.

Maya: A job notice?

Nora: Yes. Let’s read it.

Dive In - part one

Peter: Let’s listen to the first part again.

Peter: This time, slowly.

Nora: Hi. Are you looking for something?

Maya: Yes. I need a job.

Nora: I see. Are you staying here?

Maya: Yes, but just for a few days.

Nora: How many days?

Peter: Nora asks if Maya is looking for something.

Peter: Maya says, I need a job.

Peter: I need is a clear way to say something is important for you now.

Peter: Just for a few days means only for a short time.

Dive In - part two

Peter: Now, the second part.

Peter: Listen for the time and the new information.

Maya: I have two weeks.

Nora: Two weeks. That is not much time.

Maya: No. I need information.

Nora: There is a notice at the café.

Maya: A job notice?

Nora: Yes. Let's read it.

Peter: How many asks about a number.

Peter: Maya has two weeks.

Peter: That is not much time means two weeks feels short for finding work.

Peter: A notice is a short public message with information.

Useful Sentences

Peter: Useful sentences.

Peter: I need a job.

Peter: At school, you can say, I need a teacher.

Peter: Just for a few days.

Peter: At a hotel, you can say, I am here just for two nights.

Peter: I have two weeks.

Peter: At work, you can say, I have two days to finish this.

Pay Attention

Peter: Pay attention.

Peter: Just often means only.

Peter: Maya is here only for a few days.

Peter: We say two weeks, with an s.

Peter: We say one week, without an s.

Peter: Listen to job.

Peter: The final sound is b.

Shadowing

Peter: Now, a short shadowing practice.

Peter: Listen to each sentence.

Peter: Repeat during the four-second pause.

Peter: I need a job.

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Peter: Just for a few days.

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Peter: I have two weeks.

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Final listening - natural speed

Nora: Hi. Are you looking for something?

Maya: Yes. I need a job.

Nora: I see. Are you staying here?

Maya: Yes, but just for a few days.

Nora: How many days?

Maya: I have two weeks.

Nora: Two weeks. That is not much time.

Maya: No. I need information.

Nora: There is a notice at the café.

Maya: A job notice?

Nora: Yes. Let’s read it.

Closing

Peter: Thank you for listening and see you in the next episode.

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Transcript practice - answers are on the next page

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2. Complete from the episode: Yes ____. I need a job ____.
3. Complete from the episode: I see ____. Are you staying here?
4. Complete from the episode: Yes, but just for a few days ____.
5. Complete from the episode: How many days?
6. Complete from the episode: I have two weeks ____.
7. Complete from the episode: Two weeks ____. That is not much time ____.
8. Complete from the episode: No ____. I need information ____.
9. Complete from the episode: There is a notice at the café ____.
10. Complete from the episode: A job notice?

Transcript practice - answers

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