The Missing Folder | 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 an interview tomorrow.

Peter: She left her folder in the library yesterday.

Peter: The folder has her drawings inside.

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

Peter: Today, you will practise asking where something is and describing it.

Peter: First, hear the whole conversation at natural speed.

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

First listening - natural speed

Nora: Hi, Maya.

Maya: Hi, Nora.

Maya: I left my folder here yesterday.

Maya: Where is my folder?

Nora: What color is it?

Maya: It is blue.

Nora: I can see a red folder on this table.

Maya: Not that one.

Nora: The blue one?

Maya: Yes.

Maya: It has my drawings.

Nora: Look under that chair.

Maya: Oh!

Maya: Here it is.

Nora: Is this your folder?

Maya: Yes, it is.

Maya: Thank you.

Nora: Your drawings are beautiful.

Dive In - part one

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

Peter: This time, slowly.

Peter: Where is my folder asks about the place of Maya's folder.

Peter: What color is it asks Maya to describe the folder.

Peter: Blue is the color of Maya's folder.

Peter: Not that one means Maya does not mean the red folder.

Peter: On this table tells Maya where the red folder is.

Peter: The blue one means the blue folder.

Peter: One replaces a noun when the noun is already clear.

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Peter: Now, the second part.

Peter: Listen for the place.

Peter: Under that chair tells Maya to look below the chair.

Peter: Here it is means Maya found the folder.

Peter: Is this your folder checks that the folder belongs to Maya.

Peter: Nora sees Maya's drawings and gives her a kind compliment.

Dive In - part two

Maya: Yes.

Maya: It has my drawings.

Nora: Look under that chair.

Maya: Oh!

Maya: Here it is.

Nora: Is this your folder?

Maya: Yes, it is.

Maya: Thank you.

Nora: Your drawings are beautiful.

Peter: Useful sentences.

Peter: Where is my folder?

Peter: At home, you can ask, Where is my phone?

Peter: The blue one?

Peter: At a shop, you can say, The small one, please.

Peter: Here it is.

Peter: When you find something, you can say, Here it is.

Useful Sentences

Peter: Pay attention.

Peter: We say the blue one, not the one blue.

Peter: The color comes before one.

Peter: We say Where is for one thing.

Peter: We say Where are for two or more things.

Pay Attention

Shadowing

Peter: Listen to each sentence.

Peter: Repeat during the four-second pause.

Peter: Where is my folder?

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Peter: The blue one?

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Peter: Here it is.

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Final listening - natural speed

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Closing

Peter: If this episode helped you, please recommend it to a friend who is learning English.

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Transcript practice - answers are on the next page

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4. Complete from the episode: Where is my folder?
5. Complete from the episode: What color is it?
6. Complete from the episode: It is blue ____.
7. Complete from the episode: I can see a red folder on this table ____.
8. Complete from the episode: Not that one ____.
9. Complete from the episode: The blue one?
10. Complete from the episode: Yes ____.

Transcript practice - answers

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