I Don't Know Yet | A Chance for Maya (Slow English)

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Opening AI notice

Peter

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Introduction

Peter

Today is Maya’s interview at the café.

Peter

She brings the drawings from her folder.

Peter

But Maya does not know how to make coffee yet.

Peter

She gives an honest answer.

Peter

Can Maya find another way to help?

Peter

Welcome to episode eight of A Chance for Maya.

Peter

Today, you will practise saying what you do not know yet, what you can learn, and when you can come.

Peter

First, hear the whole conversation at natural speed.

Peter

Then we will open it step by step, slowly.

First listening - natural speed

Leo

Hi, Maya.

Maya

Hi, Leo.

Leo

Please sit here.

Maya

Thank you.

Leo

Can you make coffee?

Maya

I don’t know how to make coffee yet.

Leo

That’s okay.

Leo

Can you learn?

Maya

Yes, I can learn.

Maya

I can draw, too.

Maya

I brought my drawings today.

Leo

Can I see them?

Maya

Yes, of course.

Leo

They are very good.

Leo

I need a new poster for the café.

Maya

I can make a poster.

Leo

Good.

Leo

Can you come tomorrow at nine?

Maya

Yes, I can come at nine.

Leo

Great.

Leo

Let’s try one morning.

Leo

I will pay you for it.

Maya

Thank you, Leo.

Dive In - part one

Peter

Let’s listen to the first part again.

Peter

This time, slowly.

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Peter

Please sit here is a polite invitation.

Peter

Leo asks, Can you make coffee?

Peter

Maya does not pretend that she can.

Peter

She says, I don’t know how to make coffee yet.

Peter

This is honest and hopeful.

Peter

Yet tells us that this can change later.

Peter

Leo answers, That’s okay.

Peter

Then he asks, Can you learn?

Dive In - part two

Peter

Now, listen to Maya’s answer and Leo’s small offer.

Maya

Yes, I can learn.

Maya

I can draw, too.

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Thank you, Leo.

Peter

Yes, I can learn means Maya is ready to try.

Peter

I can draw, too adds another skill.

Peter

I brought my drawings today tells Leo that Maya has the drawings with her.

Peter

Can I see them asks for permission to look at the drawings.

Peter

A poster is a large picture or notice on a wall.

Peter

Can you come tomorrow at nine asks about a time.

Peter

Maya says, Yes, I can come at nine.

Peter

I will pay you for it means Leo will give Maya money for her work.

Useful Sentences

Peter

Useful sentences.

Peter

I don’t know how to make coffee yet.

Peter

You can say, I don’t know how to use this app yet, when you are still learning something.

Peter

Yes, I can learn.

Peter

You can say, I can learn this new word, when something is new but possible for you.

Peter

Yes, I can come at nine.

Peter

You can say, I can come at six, when you confirm a time with a friend or a colleague.

Pay Attention

Peter

Pay attention.

Peter

After don’t know, Maya says how to plus a verb.

Peter

We say, I don’t know how to make coffee.

Peter

We do not say, I don’t know make coffee.

Peter

Yet often means not now, but maybe later.

Peter

I don’t know how to make coffee yet does not mean Maya will never learn.

Shadowing

Peter

Listen to each sentence.

Peter

Repeat during the four-second pause.

Peter

I don’t know how to make coffee yet.

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Peter

Yes, I can learn.

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Peter

Yes, I can come at nine.

[Four-second pause for you to repeat.]

Final listening - natural speed

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Leo

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Thank you, Leo.

Closing

Peter

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Transcript practice - answers are on the next page

Exercises

1. Where is Maya today?
2. What does Leo ask Maya to make?
3. What does Maya not know how to make yet?
4. What can Maya learn?
5. What does Maya bring today?
6. What does Leo need for the cafe?
7. What time can Maya come tomorrow?
8. Complete: I do not know how to make coffee ___.
9. Complete: Yes, I can ___.
10. Complete: I will ___ you for it.

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Transcript practice - answers

1. At the cafe, for her interview.
2. Coffee.
3. Coffee.
4. She can learn to make coffee.
5. Her drawings.
6. A new poster.
7. At nine.
8. yet.
9. learn.
10. pay.