An Empty Chair

Complete transcript and listening practice

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First listening - natural speed

Maya: Leo, you have an invitation here.

Leo: Yes.

Leo: It is for a birthday.

Maya: The name on it is Tom.

Maya: Who's Tom?

Leo: He's my father.

Maya: Is it his birthday?

Leo: Yes.

Leo: I want a birthday lunch for him.

Maya: That is a nice idea.

Leo: Thank you.

Leo: Can he come?

Leo: I do not know.

Maya: Does he have the invitation?

Leo: Not yet.

Leo: It is still here.

Maya: Is it hard to ask him?

Leo: A little.

Leo: I do not want an empty chair.

Maya: You can ask him.

Leo: Yes.

Leo: I can try.

Shadowing practice

Who's Tom?

He's my father.

Not yet.

Listen again to the complete dialogue at natural speed after the shadowing section.