

FIRST STEPS ENGLISH FOR BEGINNERS

Looking Back at Maple Street | Chapter 1 Recap Listening (Slow English)

Complete transcript - listen naturally, then slowly

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How to use this transcript

Listen to the episode first. Then read the natural conversation. Listen again at slow speed and follow the same words. Peter’s short introduction, reflection and closing are included too.

Opening AI notice

Peter

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

Peter’s introduction

Peter

Welcome to our Chapter One recap listening.

Peter

In this episode, we are practising a real-world listening experience.

Peter

First, you will hear Maya and Leo at natural speed.

Peter

Then, you will hear the same conversation again, slowly.

Peter

There are no explanations in the audio today.

Peter

In the episode description, you can download the workbook.

Peter

It includes the complete transcript, vocabulary, grammar explanations, and exercises to practise.

Peter

Now, let us go back to the café after closing time.

First listening - natural speed

Maya

The café is quiet now.

Leo

Yes. It is different after closing.

Maya

It feels different for me, too.

Leo

Different from your first night here?

Maya

Very different.

Maya

I was worried that night.

Leo

You lost the last bus.

Maya

And the door was locked.

Leo

But you asked for help.

Maya

I did.

Maya

Now I can ask for help in English.

Leo

You can do more than that now.

Maya

Yes.

Maya

I can say, "Could you say that again, please?"

Leo

That is useful.

Maya

I can find my things.

Maya

And I can make a poster.

Leo

It is a good poster.

Maya

Thank you.

Maya

I still make mistakes.

Leo

Everyone makes mistakes.

Maya

Today, I called my mum.

Leo

How is she?

Maya

She is well.

Maya

She was happy for me.

Maya

I told her about the café.

Leo

Did you tell her about your mistake at the café?

Maya

Yes.

Maya

She said, “A mistake is not the end.”

Leo

Your mum is right.

Maya

I still miss home sometimes.

Leo

I understand.

Maya

Do you miss your dad?

Leo

Sometimes.

Maya

Does he live far away?

Leo

No.

Leo

He lives two streets away.

Maya

Two streets away?

Leo

Yes.

Leo

But it is not easy.

Maya

Is that his chair?

Leo

Yes.

Leo

My dad sat there every morning.

Maya

Maybe you can invite him for lunch.

Leo

Maybe.

Maya

Are you free on Sunday?

Leo

You want me to ask him that?

Maya

Yes.

Maya

One small step.

Leo

I will think about it.

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Peter's reflection before the slow listening

Peter

Maya has changed since her first night in Maple Street.

Peter

She is still learning, but she can see her progress now.

Peter

Leo has a small step to think about, too.

Peter

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This time, it is slower.

Second listening - slow speed

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Closing and listening check

Resources reminder

Peter

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The workbook includes vocabulary, grammar explanations, and exercises with answers.

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

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Listening check - try before you look at the answers

1. Where are Maya and Leo?
2. How did Maya feel on her first night?
3. What did Maya lose?
4. What was locked?
5. Who did Maya call?
6. How did Maya’s mum feel?
7. What does Maya still miss sometimes?
8. Where does Leo’s dad live?
9. Whose chair is empty?
10. What does Maya suggest?

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Listening check - answers

1. In Leo’s café after closing.
2. She was worried.
3. The last bus.
4. The door.
5. Her mum.
6. She was happy for Maya.
7. Home.
8. Two streets away.
9. Leo’s dad’s chair.
10. Invite his dad for lunch.