

## Earrings from Frankfurt

### Summary

Jennifer was a nurse who worked in a doctor's surgery in London. One night at the end of her shift, her brother Richard showed up outside the door of her office. Jennifer was 15 years older than Richard and she worried about him. He often changed jobs and girlfriends. He borrowed money from her many times.

Richard wanted to borrow money this night. He had just lost his job that day and wanted to buy "a present for a very special girl". Jennifer loaned him the money. She could never say no to him.

Jennifer went to Maxim's to meet her friend Claire for dinner. They saw a big dinner party celebrating a young woman's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. The girl was wearing large gold earrings, but she was not smiling. Suddenly one of the men at the party fell to the floor.

Claire and Jennifer helped him into Claire's car and drove him to the hospital. When he realized where they were taking him, he said, "No! Please just take me home." But they were already at the hospital. He was angry.

When Claire and Jennifer went back to the restaurant to eat the dinner they had ordered, the policemen wouldn't let them into the restaurant. They decided to call it a night. They would go out to dinner next week.

After work the next day, Jennifer came home and found 2 men outside her apartment. They were police detectives. They wanted to ask her some questions. They asked her about her brother Richard and Richard's girlfriend Wendy. Then they asked her about the man she took to the hospital the night before. They were surprised that she didn't know who he was. They told her it was Joe Kelly, Richard's boss. They said that Mr. Kelly was a criminal. They were looking for some stolen jewellery from Germany. They thought Richard knew something about it.

The following day Jennifer got a phone call from Wendy, Richard's girlfriend. She wanted to talk to Jennifer. When she came to the door Jennifer realized that Wendy was the girl she had seen at the restaurant the night before. She was the sad girl with the big earrings. Jennifer didn't want to like her. She worked for a criminal and maybe was mixed up in some trouble with Richard.

Wendy told her story to Jennifer. She didn't like working for Mr. Kelly because he was not a nice man. But Wendy needed a job. She worked there for about a year. That's where Wendy met Richard.

Ten days ago Mr. Kelly called Wendy into his office. He told her he wanted her to go to Germany on the weekend. She refused. But Mr. Kelly did not take no for an answer. Wendy was scared, so she agreed to go to Germany.

When Wendy was at the airport, she saw Richard was there, too. Mr. Kelly sent him to travel with Wendy. Wendy was upset. She told Richard about the egg shaped boxes. She told Richard she thought Mr. Kelly was selling stolen jewellery. When they arrived in Germany, Richard called the police, but he didn't tell Wendy. Richard and Wendy met Mr. Kelly's friends. They went outside the city to an old house surrounded by trees. All at once there were noises outside and police came running into the building. The police caught the thieves. They thanked Richard for his help.

After all this, Richard and Wendy went to the police station in Frankfurt, Germany. The police asked Richard and Wendy if they would help them with one more thing. The police were happy because they caught all the thieves in Frankfurt. Now they wanted to catch Mr. Kelly. He was a famous thief. They knew a lot about him. Before Wendy had time to think about it, Richard said, "Sure! We will help!"

The German police wanted Richard and Wendy to bring 3 boxes back to England. The German police told Richard and Wendy that they would talk to the British police so that they would not get into any trouble.

Richard and Wendy arrived in England and brought the earrings directly to Mr. Kelly's house. Mr. Kelly was very pleased. He gave some gold earrings to Wendy for her birthday. He also wanted to give Wendy a birthday party. He planned for everyone to meet at Maxim's next week. Wendy didn't want the earrings or the party, but finally she agreed.

That Wednesday Richard came by the office. Wendy was there, but Mr. Kelly wasn't. Richard asked Wendy for the keys to the office. He found a letter in the office that he said would be useful. Mr. Kelly came back and Richard and Wendy got out of the office quickly. Mr. Kelly didn't see them.

Teaching and Learning Objectives for writing at ESL level 3

A4A. Follow a highly structured, externally developed plan as a cloze exercise, a simplified form.

C4A. Construct a variety of statements, questions and imperatives using auxiliaries appropriately.

On Thursday, Richard called Wendy and she knew he was unhappy about something. Richard told Wendy he wasn't working for Mr. Kelly anymore. Mr. Kelly asked Richard to do something, but Richard said no. Mr. Kelly fired Richard. Wendy asked Richard if he would be there at the birthday party at Maxim's. Richard said he wanted to be there, but he couldn't. He told Wendy not to worry.

After the party on Thursday when Mr. Kelly fell on the floor at Maxim's and Jennifer took him to the hospital, Wendy had a difficult night. The police asked her a lot of questions. They took her earrings. She said they were a present from Mr. Kelly. She told the police in London about the police in Frankfurt. They didn't believe her.

Just then there was a knock on the door. It was Richard and Detective Barrett and another taller man. "Everything is okay!" Richard said. He also told Jennifer and Wendy that the police detectives were not going to lock him up. They all came in and finished telling the story.

The policeman told Jennifer that they had just talked to the police in Frankfurt and learned about Wendy and Richard's part in catching the thieves there.

Earlier that morning Richard asked the London police to look at the letter he had about the egg boxes. The Frankfurt police had not talked to the London police because they wanted everything to be very secret. They didn't want Joe Kelly to hear anything before they caught him. The police didn't believe Richard, but finally they called the police in Frankfurt. They also went to Joe Kelly's house, and found some people buying jewelry from Mr. Kelly. All the people at Mr. Kelly's house were brought into the police station. It looked like Wendy was going to need a new job.

Richard had twenty pounds for his sister, and a birthday present for Wendy his "favorite girl". He had a new job. And he promised Wendy that the earrings he gave her were not stolen.