

My show begins at 11.00 in the morning. It finishes at 12.00. The weather comes after it. The time was 11.55. I put on some music. Then I called Wing. Wing Cheung works with me. He answers the phone. He also helps me to make the show. Wing is a big help. My mother died in May. Wing **really** helped me then too. I was very sad about mum. I didn't eat, I didn't talk and I didn't work for days after she died. Wing was nice to me about mum. He helped me at work, too. He's a very good friend.

'Wing, are there any more phone calls?'

'Fay, there's one more call for you. But make it quick.' Wing always watches the time. I always forget.

'OK,' I said. 'Is it an easy call?'

'No, it isn't.' The music finished. The next caller waited.

'There's time for one more call before the show finishes,' I said. 'Caller, what's your name? Where are you from?' After a second, the caller spoke.

'Hi Fay, Erm ... I'm Simon, Simon Jones. This is for my mother. She likes your show, I know. I-I left home six months ago. I don't want to see her, but I'm fine ... I'm well. I mean, I'm not far away, but I'm not coming home. I must go now.' Simon was angry and very **sad**. Families aren't always easy, I thought. My mother and my father were dead. I felt sad about that.

'Simon, are you there? Hello?' I said, but Simon wasn't on the phone now. I finished the show with some more music. The weather began at 12.00.

After the show, I thought about Simon Jones again. He wasn't happy at all. In the afternoon I worked on the show for the next day. I didn't understand Jason. *The Friends' Hour* was good, I thought, but he didn't like it. What did he

want? What could I do to please him? I didn't know. I drank a lot of coffee. Nothing came to me. At 4.00 Wing ran into my office.

'Wing! I'm working.' I was angry again. I thought about Jason's email.



'Sorry, Fay, but I had a call about today's show.'

'Was it Jason again? What does he want now?'

'No it wasn't Jason. It was a woman. Margaret Jones is her name. She's Simon's mother.'

'What does she want?' I asked.

'She wants your help, I think,' said Wing. 'She gave me her home phone number, and her house number, and the street ...'

'Look Wing, how can I help her?' I said angrily. Wing went back to his office.

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ran into my  
office.*

Then I thought about my mother and father again. My father died fourteen years ago. I was eleven at the time. He was a **police officer**. My mother always wanted me to be a police officer too. But I wanted to work for the radio. When I began working for Sun Radio, Mum and I didn't speak for two years. Then she died. That was six months ago. I felt really bad because we didn't talk. But perhaps I could help Mrs Jones ...?

But no, I really had no time for that. I had only four days to think of something new for my show. I **tried** to work again. After five minutes I looked at my computer. There was one more angry email on it from Jason. That was it! I went to Wing's office.

'Where does the Jones family live?' I asked. He told me the name of the street and the house number. I left Sun Radio and ran to the **underground station**. I needed to talk to Mrs Jones.



At 5.15 I was at Piccadilly Circus. Piccadilly Circus is the nearest station to Sun Radio. Margaret Jones's house was near Finchley Road station. After about twenty minutes I arrived at Finchley Road.

I left the station and ran past all the people in the street. No time to smile. No time to talk. I thought about Simon. 'Where is he? Why is he unhappy?'

I walked past a supermarket, coffee shops, and some offices. After five minutes I arrived at South Road. Mrs Jones lived at number twenty-six. South Road was a street with lots of big red houses on it, and one little shop – number twenty. I saw the name – 'Khan's One Stop Shop' – over the door.

**police officer** a man or a woman who stops people doing bad things

**try** to want to do something but not to do it well

**underground** a train that goes under streets and buildings

**station** people get on and off trains here





Suddenly I felt thirsty. It was all that coffee earlier in the studio! I needed some water. I went into the shop. It had many different things in it: things to read, things to eat and things to drink. I found some water, and I gave the money to the man in the shop. Then I walked to the door. There I stopped. I saw something on the back of the door. It was a photo of a young man. Under the photo I read, 'Where is Simon Jones?' And under that question there was a phone number to call. I had lots of questions about Simon, and I needed some answers fast. Perhaps the man in the shop could help me?

*I arrived at  
South Road.*

## READING CHECK

Complete the sentences with the correct names.



- a ..... Wing ..... is Fay's good friend.
- b ..... is angry with Fay.
- c Fay works with ..... and ..... in Studio Five.
- d ..... likes emails, not talking to people.
- e ..... calls Fay's show after 10 months away from home.
- f ..... 's father was a police officer.
- g ..... 's mother and father are dead.
- h ..... doesn't want to go home.
- i ..... helped Fay when she felt very bad in May.

## WORD WORK

1 Use the words in the coffee cup to complete these sentences.



- a I want to be a police officer... when I leave school.
- b 'Can you speak Arabic?'  
'Not very well, but I'm ..... to learn it.'
- c 'Are we ..... now?'  
'Yes, we are. So what do you want to say to all our listeners?'
- d Paddington is one of the bigger and more important train ..... in London.



- e To get from A to B in London, go by ..... There's not much to see down there, but it's very quick.
- f We felt very ..... when our daughter left home.

**2 Use words from Chapter 1 to complete Jason's second email to Fay.**

From: jasonhill@sunradio.com Sent: Thursday 10 November  
 To: fayfriend@sunradio.com Subject: Me Again!

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Dear Fay,

A new al..... email..... from me. We must talk about your b)..... on Monday morning. Shakira! James Blunt! It's c)..... boring listening to d)..... all the time.

e)..... Five needs something more interesting than this!

From your f).....  
 Jason

**GUESS WHAT**

**What do we learn about Simon in the next chapter? Tick four boxes.**

- a He worked in Khan's One-Stop Shop.
- b He helped his mother a lot when she went through bad times.
- c He's in love with a beautiful young woman from Pakistan.
- d He was angry with his mother before he left home.
- e He loves everything about trains.
- f He's visiting Europe by train now.

