

At a Job Interview

M: Hello. My name is Hudson. Dick Hudson.

F: I'm Pamela Gable.

M: Well, take a seat, please. Miss Gable, it is Miss, isn't it? Well, let me just check that I've got these particular rights. Your surname is Gable, spelt G-A-B-L-E, and your first names are Pamela Ann, fine. You live at 147 Collingdon Road, Croydon. Your telephone number is 2468008. You were born on July the 18th 1975, and, that's about it. OK? Fine, let's see. What are you working with at the moment?

F: I'm personal assistant to the manager of a modeling agency.

M: Oh, really? And what does that involves?

F: A bit of everything, really. I have to keep the accounts, write a few letters, answer the telephone, and that sort of thing.

M: You work with people a lot, do you?

F: Oh, yes I have to look after all the models who work for us, you know, keep them happy, lend an understanding ear to their heartache, you know.

M: Have you ever had anything to do with hotels or conferences, hotel management, for instance?

F: No, not really. I did work for a short time as a courier for a tour operator, taking foreigners on guided tours of London. Perhaps that's the sort of thing you mean?

M: Yes I think it is. Do you speak any languages?

F: Yes, I do. I speak French and Italian, you see, I spent several years abroad when I was younger.

M: Oh, did you? That's very interesting, and what about any exams you've taken?

F: Well, I left school at 16. You know, there didn't seem to be any point in staying on somehow; I was sure I could learn much more by getting a job and a bit of experience and independence.

M: So you have no formal qualification at all? I see, well, I don't suppose it matters.

F: Um. I was wondering if perhaps you could tell me a bit more about the job? You know, it said in

the ad that you wanted a go-head girl with car and imagination, but that's not very much to go on.

M: No, it isn't. Well, we run conference, and your job as conference coordinator would be, well, much the same as the one you have now, I suppose. Meeting people, transporting them from one place to another, make sure they're comfortable, a bit of telephone, and so on.

F: It sounds just the sort of thing I want to do.

M: There is the question of salary, of course.

F: Well, my present salary is 18,000, so I couldn't accept any less than that, especially if I have to use my car.

M: Ah! We have something like 15,000 in mind, plus of course a generous allowance for the car. But look, if I were you, I'd take a quick look round the office here, see if you like the look of the people who work here.

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