

Red in the Face

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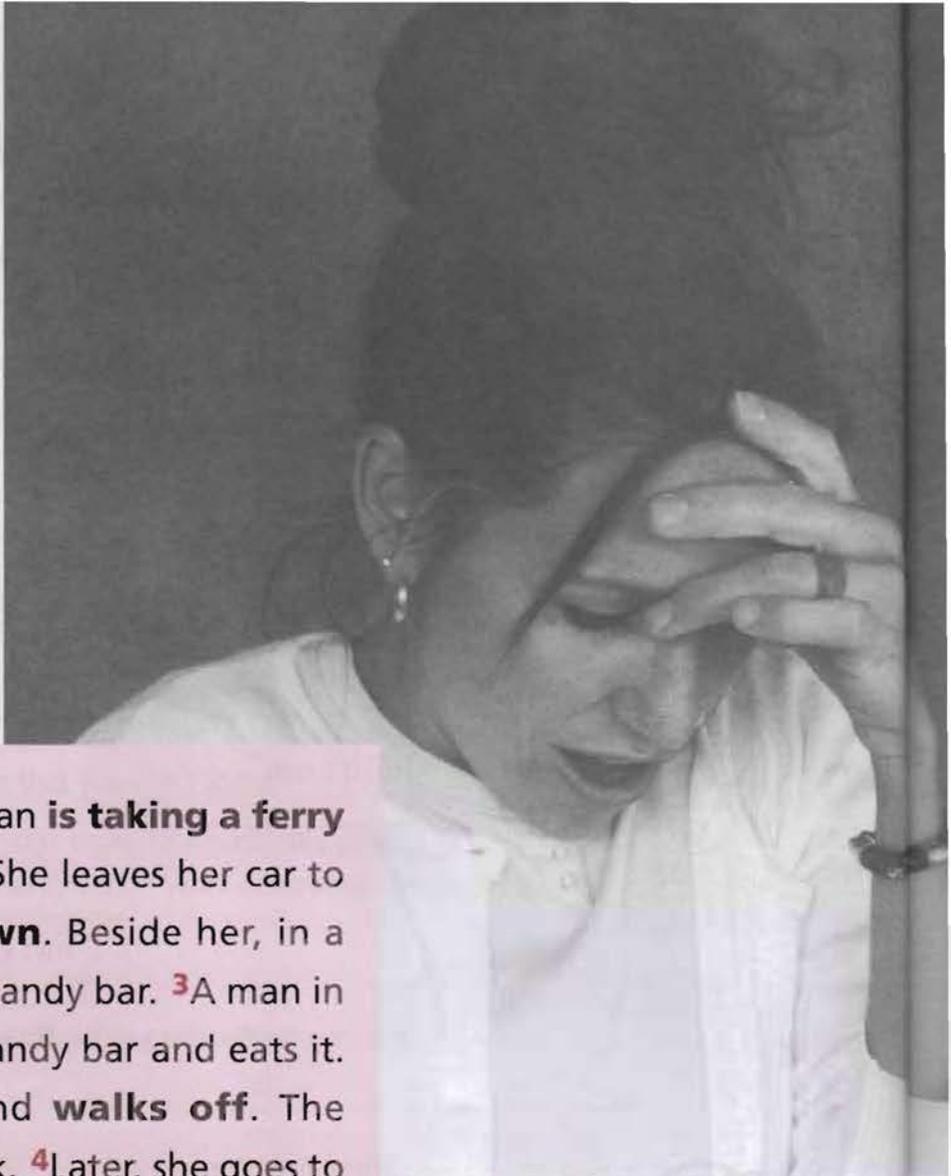
1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 7.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

VANCOUVER, CANADA ¹A woman **is taking a ferry** from Vancouver to Victoria. ²She leaves her car to go to the deck. She **sits down**. Beside her, in a chair, are her newspaper and candy bar. ³A man in the next chair **picks up** the candy bar and eats it. Then he takes the paper and **walks off**. The woman is too shocked to speak. ⁴Later, she goes to the cafeteria. She sees the man at a table, eating a sandwich. ⁵Still angry, she grabs his sandwich and takes a bite, without saying a word. ⁶She **goes back to** her car. On the seat are her newspaper and candy bar. She never **took them out of** the car! She **is** really **red in the face**.



New idioms and expressions

be red in the face	be embarrassed
take a ferry (a bus, a train, a plane)	go by ferry (bus, train, plane)
sit down*	sit; be seated
pick something up*	take or lift something off the floor (or a chair, etc.)
walk off*	walk away; walk in the other direction
go back (to a place)*	return (to a place)
take something out (of a place)*	remove something (from a place)

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon and Appendix D)

2. Listen

Cover the story and look only at these pictures. Listen to the story two or three times.



3. Read the Story

Now read the story carefully. Pay special attention to the idioms so that you're ready for Exercise 4.

4. Match

Cover page 6. Match the definition in column A to the idiom in column B.

A

- 3 a. walk in the other direction
- ___ b. be embarrassed
- ___ c. return someplace
- ___ d. remove
- ___ e. take from the floor

B

- 1. go back
- 2. be red in the face
- 3. walk off
- 4. pick up
- 5. take out

5. Tell the Story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Tell the story using as many idioms as you can.

- a. First, work with the whole class to retell the story.
- b. Then tell the story to a partner or small group.

6. Answer the Questions

About the story

- How is the woman getting to Victoria?
- Where does she sit down?
- What is beside her?
- What does the man in the next chair do with the candy bar?
- What does he do then?
- Why does the woman take a bite of the man's sandwich?
- What happens when she goes back to her car?
- Why is she red in the face?

About you

- Do you often take a bus, a train, a taxi, or a ferry?
- Tell about a time when you were red in the face.
- Do you sit down or stand up most of the day?
- What time do you usually go back to your house or apartment?

7. Write About Yourself

Complete the sentences, writing something true about yourself.

- I sometimes take a bus/train/plane/ferry to _____.
- My favorite place to sit down is _____.
- I want to go back to _____ because _____.

8. Take a Dictation

A woman _____ . She _____
on the deck. Next to her in a chair are her newspaper and candy bar. A man in the
next chair _____ the candy bar and eats it. Then he
takes the paper and _____. Later, the woman goes to
the cafeteria and sees the man eating a sandwich. She grabs it and takes a bite.
Then she _____ her car. On the seat are her newspaper and
candy bar. She never _____ them _____
the car! She _____.

9. Complete the story

a. Read the true story. Fill in the blanks with idioms from the box.

- is red in the face
- takes out
- sits down
- go back to
- picks up

Hair Stylist is Red in the Face



Hong Kong, CHINA A Hong Kong hair salon is having a special promotion. *Come in for a free haircut*, the sign says. So a Hong Kong man, Ng Koon-man, enters the salon and (1)_____. The stylist (2)_____ his comb from his pocket. Then he (3)_____ his scissors and begins to cut the man's hair.

The stylist **is in a hurry*** and cuts very quickly. Suddenly, Koon-man feels a terrible pain. The stylist has **cut off**** part of his right ear! Koon-man has to go to the hospital.

Later, Koon-man takes the hair stylist to court. He accuses him of working at a dangerous speed. The stylist, of course, (4)_____. And Koon-man is still angry. "I'll never (5)_____ that salon!" he says.

* be in a hurry: want to move quickly

** cut something off: separate something with scissors or a knife

b. Read or tell the story to a partner.