

Week 10 – Unit 9 – Unusual Stories – What unusual stories do you know? – Introductory video – Video script

Šárka: Hi Markéta.

Markéta: Hi Šárka. How are you?

Šárka: I am fine. Great. Can I join?

Markéta: Sure, sure.

Šárka: Yeah, and what are you doing here? Having coffee as usual?

Markéta: Yes, of course, but I'm also, you know, getting ready for one of my lessons and coffee is really necessary, you know, when I'm preparing for teaching, I always need my coffee.

Šárka: I know what you are talking about.

Markéta: Yes, I can see that, I can see that. Well actually you know, I, you know, work with this book, I must say I really, you know, like this book, you know, Navigate and I came across another really interesting article. You remember, you know, the other day we spoke about this article about the gorilla who (which) could do a lot of things and now I've got this article called "A Love Story".

Šárka: Wow, tell me about it, please.

Markéta: Well actually you know, this is an unusual story about a couple, a married couple, and actually I can read for you, you know, because it's about, it's about, it's about them. "They met in London in 1978. Deborah was from the USA, but she lived and worked in London." and "Clive studied at Cambridge University and then he worked as a musician. They fell in love and married in 1984." So far it looks like a regular, or like you know, a romantic or love story we already know.

Šárka: Yeah, I was just going to say that so far it doesn't look like an extraordinary love story.

Markéta: Yes, but...

Šárka: It's a simple story of two people.

Markéta: Yes, yes, but wait and listen. "But on Wednesday..." What happened, you know. "On Wednesday on the 27th of March 1985 Clive Wearing got very ill and he lost his memory. He only remembered things for a few seconds."

Šárka: That's horrible.

Markéta: Yes, I did not even know that something like this can happen. That actually you lose your memory and you remember things only for a few seconds. And listen, listen further. Even though he lost his memory. "He could play the piano and he knew Deborah's face, but he couldn't remember her name." and "Life was very difficult for them. It was a sad time. Deborah sold their flat in London and moved back to the USA." and "Clive went to live in hospital."

Šárka: That is really sad.

Markéta: Yes, yes, it is. But "Deborah often came to England to visit Clive and they had a good time together. He played music and wrote a diary." and "Every time she left, she said, 'Remember I love you'. And every time he saw her again, he fell in love with her again."

Šárka: That's beautiful, yet very sad.

Markéta: Yes, yes, but I would also say that's sort of a happy-ending. And even though the life was very different for them this new life, I mean. "Clive couldn't remember his past but he was happy in the present."

Šárka: That's a very romantic story.

Markéta: Yes.

Šárka: Thank you for sharing it with me.

Markéta: Yes, yes, you're welcome.