



Chile Mini-Story Lesson

Hello there and welcome to the mini-story lesson for the conversation “Chile.”

Okay, let’s get started with the story.

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Frankie the frog is married to Lola the lamb. Wednesday was their five year wedding anniversary. So they planned a trip to New York.

“Call a hotel to reserve a room,” said Lola.

“I don’t want to call a hotel, we can just wing it,” said Frankie.

Lola looked concerned. So Frankie said, “Don’t worry, we’ll get by.”

Three days later they flew to New York. Not long after they arrived, Frankie called a hotel. The hotel was full. Then it dawned on Frankie that his cousin Freddie lived in New York.

So he called his cousin Freddie. He told Freddie he was in New York.

Freddie said, “You can sleep at my house tonight.”

So they went to Freddie’s house.

That night they went out on the town. First they went to a café to hang out, then they went to a club. They danced and drank a good amount of beer.

Later that night Frankie said to Lola “I told you everything would be okay, happy anniversary.”

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Okay, so that’s our story. Now let’s start from the beginning. This time I will ask questions as I tell the story. You can answer the questions out loud and if you need more time you can always pause your iPod or computer.

Okay, let’s start now.

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Frankie the frog is married to Lola the lamb.



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Who is married to Lola the lamb? Is Freddie the mouse married to Lola the lamb?

No, no, Freddie the mouse isn't married to Lola the lamb.

Is Frankie the frog married to Lola the lamb?

Yes, yes, that's correct. Frankie the frog is married to Lola the lamb.

What type of animal is Frankie? Is he a lamb?

No, Frankie's not a lamb.

Is he a frog?

Yes, Frankie is a frog.

What type of animal is Lola? Is Lola a frog?

No, no, Lola's not a frog.

Is Lola a lamb?

Yes, she is. Lola is a lamb.

Is Frankie Lola's husband?

Well, yes, he is, because Frankie is married to Lola so Frankie is Lola's husband.

Is Lola Frankie's wife?

Well, yes, that's true also, because Lola is married to Frankie so Lola is Frankie's wife.

Are Frankie and Lola married?

Yes, Frankie the frog is married to Lola the lamb.

Wednesday was their five year wedding anniversary,



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When was their five year wedding anniversary? Was it Tuesday?

No, no, it wasn't Tuesday.

Was their wedding anniversary Wednesday?

Yes, Wednesday was their five year wedding anniversary.

Whose five year wedding anniversary was it? Was it Frankie's parents?

No, no, it wasn't Frankie's parents.

Was it Frankie and Lola's five year wedding anniversary?

Yes, yes, that's correct. It was Frankie and Lola's five year wedding anniversary.

How many years ago was their wedding? Was it five years ago?

Well, yes, it was. It was five years ago.

How many years had Frankie and Lola been married? Had they been married for twelve years?

No, no, they had not been married for twelve years.

Were they married for five years?

Yes, that's correct. They were married for five years because Wednesday was their five year wedding anniversary.

So they planned a trip to New York.

Who planned a trip to New York? Did Kermit the frog plan a trip to New York?

No, no, it was not Kermit the frog.

Did Frankie and Lola plan a trip to New York?

Yes, yes, they did. They planned a trip to New York.



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Where did Frankie and Lola plan a trip to? Did they plan a trip to Paris?

No, they didn't plan a trip to Paris.

Did they plan a trip to New York?

Yes, yes, they did. They planned a trip to New York.

“Call a hotel to reserve a room,” said Lola.

Who said, “Call a hotel to reserve a room”? Did Frankie say it?

No, Frankie didn't say it.

Did Lola say it?

Yes, yes, she did. Lola said, “Call a hotel to reserve a room.”

Who should they call to reserve a room? Should they call a hospital?

No, they shouldn't call a hospital.

Should they call a hotel?

Yes, that's what Lola wanted Frankie to do. She wanted him to call a hotel.

Why should they call a hotel? To say hello?

No, that's not why they should call a hotel.

Should they call a hotel to reserve a room?

Yes, that's correct. Lola wanted Frankie to call a hotel to reserve a room.

“I don't want to call a hotel, we can just wing it,” said Frankie.

Who doesn't Frankie want to call? His mother?



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No, no, not his mother.

A hotel?

Well, yes, he said he doesn't want to call the hotel. He said, "I don't want to call a hotel."

Who can just wing it? Frankie's parents?

No, not Frankie's parents.

Can Frankie and Lola just wing it?

Yes, Frankie said, "we can just wing it" and when he said we can just wing it what he meant was Frankie himself and Lola can just wing it.

Can Frankie and Lola just go to New York without planning?

Well, yes, that's what it means to wing it. It means to do something without planning. So Frankie and Lola can just wing it, Frankie and Lola can just go to New York without doing any planning.

Lola looked concerned.

Who looked concerned? Did Frankie look concerned?

No, it wasn't Frankie.

Did Lola look concerned?

Yes, yes, she did. Lola looked concerned.

How did Lola look? Did she look happy?

No, no, I don't think she looked happy.

Did Lola look concerned?

Yes, yes, she did. Lola looked concerned.

Did Lola look worried?



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Well, yes, Lola looked concerned so that means she looked worried.

So Frankie said, “Don’t worry, we’ll get by.”

Who said, “Don’t worry, we’ll get by”? Did Lola say it?

No, it wasn’t Lola.

Did Frankie say, “Don’t worry, we’ll get by”?

Yes, yes, that’s who said it. Frankie said it.

To whom did Frankie say, “Don’t worry, we’ll bet by”? Did he say it to Lola?

Well, yes, he did. He said it to Lola.

Did Frankie say that they will get by?

Well, yes, he did.

Did Frankie say that they will be okay?

Well, yes, he did, because he said that they will get by, so when he said they will get by that was the same thing as saying “we will be okay”.

Three days later they flew to New York.

Who flew to New York three days later? Did Frankie’s mom fly to New York three days later?

No, Frankie’s mom didn’t fly to New York three days later.

Did Frankie and Lola fly to New York three days later?

Yes, that’s who flew to New York three days later.

When did they fly to New York? Did they fly to New York one week later?



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No, no, it was not one week.

Did they fly to New York three days later?

Yes, three days later they flew to New York.

Where did they fly? Did they fly to Paris?

No, they didn't fly to Paris.

Did they fly to New York?

Yes, yes, they did.

Did they fly to New York three days later?

Yes, they did. Three days later they flew to New York.

Not long after they arrived, Frankie called a hotel.

When did Frankie call a hotel? Did he call a hotel not long after they arrived?

Well, yes, he did, that's correct.

Did Frankie call a hotel a long time after they arrived?

No, it wasn't a long time after they arrived.

Did Frankie call a hotel a short time after they arrived.

Yes, that's true. Frankie called a hotel not long after they arrived, meaning Frankie called the hotel a short time after they arrived.

What did Frankie do not long after they arrived? Did he call his mother?

No, he did not call his mother.

Did he call a hotel?



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Yes, yes, that's true. Frankie called a hotel not long after they arrived.

Did Frankie call a hotel not long after they arrived?

Yes, yes, he did.

Did Frankie call a hotel a short time after they arrived?

Well, yes, he did. He called the hotel a short time after they arrived, he called the hotel not long after they arrived, it's the same thing.

The hotel was full.

So what was full? Was the parking garage full?

No, no, it wasn't the parking garage.

Was the hotel full?

Yes, yes, the hotel was full.

Did the hotel have rooms available?

No, the hotel was full, which means that the hotel did not have any rooms available. The hotel did not have a room for Frankie and Lola.

Then it dawned on Frankie that his cousin Freddie lived in New York.

Did it dawn on Frankie that his cousin Freddie lived in New York?

Yes, yes, it did. It dawned on Frankie that his cousin Freddie lived in New York.

What dawned on Frankie? Did it dawn on Frankie that his cousin lives in New York?

Yes, yes, that's correct. It dawned on Frankie that his cousin lives in New York.

Did Frankie remember that his cousin lives in New York?



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Yes, yes, he did.

Who lives in New York? Does Bill live in New York?

No, Bill doesn't live in New York.

Does Frankie's cousin live in New York?

Yes, Frankie's cousin lives in New York.

Does Freddie live in New York?

Well, yes, Freddie is Frankie's cousin so Freddie lives in New York.

What is Frankie's cousin's name? Is it Lola?

No, Lola is Frankie's wife.

Is Frankie's cousin named Freddie?

Yes, yes, that's true. Frankie's cousin is named Freddie.

Where does Freddie live? Does Freddie live in Paris?

No, Freddie doesn't live in Paris.

Does Freddie live in New York?

Yes, Freddie lives in New York.

Did it dawn on Frankie that his cousin lives in New York?

Yes, it did.

Did Frankie remember that his cousin lives in New York?

Yes, it dawned on Frankie that his cousin lives in New York which means Frankie remembered that his cousin lives in New York.



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So he called his cousin Freddie.

Who called his cousin Freddie? Did Pedro call his cousin Freddie?

No, it wasn't Pedro.

Did Frankie call his cousin Freddie?

Yes, yes, he did. Frankie called his cousin Freddie.

What did Frankie do? Did he send a letter to his cousin Freddie?

No, he didn't send a letter to his cousin Freddie.

Did he call his cousin Freddie?

Yes, he did. He called his cousin Freddie.

Did he call his cousin Freddie on the telephone?

Yes, he did.

Did Frankie call his cousin Freddie?

Yes, Frankie called his cousin Freddie. He called his cousin Freddie on the telephone.

He told Freddie he was in New York.

Who told Freddie he was in New York? Did Pedro tell Freddie he was in New York?

No, Pedro didn't tell Freddie he was in New York.

Did Frankie tell Freddie he was in New York?

Yes, Frankie told Freddie he was in New York.

Who was in New York? Is Frankie in New York?

Yes, yes, Frankie is in New York.



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Where is Frankie? Is he in Paris?

No, Frankie is not in Paris.

Is he in New York?

Yes, Frankie is in New York. He told Freddie he was in New York.

Freddie said, “You can sleep at my house tonight.”

Okay, so who said, “You can sleep at my house tonight”? Was it Frankie who said it?

No, it wasn't Frankie.

Did Freddie say, “You can sleep at my house tonight”?

Yes, that's who said it. Freddie said, “You can sleep at my house tonight.”

Who can sleep at Freddie's house tonight? Frankie and Lola?

Yes, Frankie and Lola can sleep at Freddie's house tonight. Freddie said, “You can sleep at my house tonight” and when he said that he meant Frankie and Lola can sleep at his house tonight.

When can they sleep at Freddie's house? Next week?

No, not next week.

Can they sleep at Freddie's house tonight?

Yes, yes, they can sleep at Freddie's house tonight.

Did Freddie say that Frankie and Lola can sleep at his house tonight?

Yes, he did. He said, “You can sleep at my house tonight.”

So they went to Freddie's house.



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So who went to Freddie's house? Did Bill and Hilary Clinton go to Freddie's house?

No, no, it wasn't Bill and Hilary Clinton.

Did Frankie and Lola go to Freddie's house?

Yes, yes, they did. They went to Freddie's house.

Where did they go? Did they go to the hotel?

No, they didn't go to the hotel. The hotel did not have a room for them.

Did they go to Freddie's house?

Yes, that's where they went. They went to Freddie's house.

Whose house did they go to? Did they go to Bill's house?

No, they didn't go to Bill's house.

Did they go to Freddie's house?

Yes, yes, they went to Freddie's house.

Did Frankie and Lola go to Freddie's house?

Yes, they did. They went to Freddie's house.

That night they went out on the town.

What did they do that night? Did they go to church?

No, they did not go to church.

Did they go out on the town?

Yes, they did, they went out on the town.

Did they go to different places in New York?



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Yes, *they did*.

Did they have fun that night?

Well, you could say that as well. They went out on the town which means that they went out and had some fun at different places in New York.

When did they go out on the town? The next morning?

No, it wasn't the next morning.

Did they go out on the town that night?

Yes, they did. That's when they went out on the town. They went out on the town that night.

That night, did they go out and have fun at different places in New York?

Well, yes, they did. That night they went out on the town which means they went out to different places in New York and had fun.

First they went to a café to hang out,

So where did they go? Did they go to the library?

No, they didn't go to the library.

Did they go to a café?

Yes, yes, that's where they went. They went to a café.

Who went to the café? Did Bill and Hilary Clinton go to the café?

No, no, not Bill and Hilary Clinton.

Did Frankie, Lola and Freddie go to a café?

Yes, they did. They went to a café.



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What did they do at the café? Did they hang out at the café?

Yes, yes, they did. They went to a café to hang out.

Did they casually pass time at the café?

Yes, they did, because they went to the café to hang out.

Did they go to the café to hang out?

Yes, they did.

Did they go to the café to casually pass time?

Well, yes, you could say that also. They went to the café to hang out which means they went to the café to casually pass time.

then they went to a club.

What did they do? Did they go to a club?

Yes, yes, they did. They went to a club.

Who went to a club? Did Frankie's mother go to a club?

No, no, it wasn't Frankie's mother.

Did Frankie go to a club?

Yes, yes, he did.

Did Lola go to a club?

Yes, she went to the club, too.

Did Freddie go to a club?

Yes, Freddie went to a club also.



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Did Frankie, Lola and Freddie all go to a club?

Yes, they did. They went to a club.

Where did they go? Did they go to the grocery store?

No, they didn't go to the grocery store.

Did they go to a club?

Yes, they did. They went to a club.

They danced and drank a good amount of beer.

What did they do? Did they go jogging and then drink water?

No, they didn't do that.

Did they dance?

Well, yes, they did. They danced.

Did they drink beer?

Yes, they did that, too.

Did they drink a good amount of beer?

Yes, yes, they drank a good amount of beer.

Did they drink a lot of beer?

Well, yes, they drank a good amount of beer which means they drank a lot of beer.

Who danced? Did Lola dance?

Yes, Lola did dance.



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Did Frankie dance?

Yes, Frankie danced, too.

Did Freddie dance?

Yes, yes, they all danced.

What did they drink? Did they drink soda?

No, they didn't drink soda.

Did they drink milk?

No, they didn't drink milk.

Did they drink beer?

Yes, yes, they drank beer.

Did they dance and drink a good amount of beer?

Yes, they did.

Did they dance and drink a lot of beer?

Yes, yes, they did. They danced and drank a good amount of beer which means they danced and drank a lot of beer.

Later that night Frankie said to Lola "I told you everything would be okay, happy anniversary."

Who said, "I told you everything would be okay"? Did Freddie say it?

No, that wasn't Freddie who said it.

Did Frankie say it?

Yes, that's who said it. Frankie said it.



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Who did Frankie say it to? Did he say it to Freddie?

No, no.

Did he say it to Lola?

Yes, yes, that's correct. He said it to Lola.

When did Frankie say it? Did he say it the next day?

No, he didn't say it the next day.

Did he say it later that night?

Yes, yes, that's when he said it. He said it later that night.

Did Frankie tell Lola that everything would be okay?

Yes, he did. He said, "I told you that everything would be okay."

Did Frankie wish Lola a happy anniversary?

Well, yes, he did. He said happy anniversary.

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Okay, so that brings us to the end of the story and that means we are at the end of the mini-story lesson for the conversation "Chile." Please try to tell this story on your own now. Make sure that you use all the idioms that we discussed. We discussed "wing it," "get by," "not long after," "dawned on," "out on the town," "hang out," "a good amount." So those are the idioms we used. Now try to tell the story by yourself.

Okay, good luck and I'll see you next time.