



Nepal Part 1 Mini-Story Lesson

Hi. Welcome to the mini-story for the conversation “Nepal Part 1”.

Okay, let’s get started with the story.

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Ricky the rat was excited. Tonight he was going to a Rolling Stones concert. He was going to the concert with his mother, Rhonda the rat. His mother had been to three Rolling Stones concerts many years ago. So she knew it would be like a walk down memory lane.

Ricky and his mother had a ball at the concert. After it was over, they decided to try to meet Mick Jagger, the singer of the band. They knew that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn. So they drove to the hotel to try to find them.

When they got to the hotel room, they knocked on the door. A security guard answered the door but he would not let them in.

“Sorry, no rats allowed inside,” said the security guard.

“I think we will have to pay him off,” said Ricky’s mother.

So she gave the security guard \$200 to let them in.

When he saw Mick Jagger, Ricky said, “Jeez, Mick, hand’s down, that was the best concert that I have ever seen.”

“Thank you very much” Mick said, “You really make me feel at home.”

Ricky’s mother got a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky shaking hands.

“I’ll never forget this day,” Ricky said.

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Okay, so that’s our story. Now I will tell the story again and this time I will ask you questions. So please try to answer the questions out loud and if you need a little more time, you can always pause your player on your computer or your iPod and take a little more time. And then when you’ve had enough time to answer the question, you can just play again. And, of course, if you just feel like listening as you go through this lesson and not answering the questions, well that’s fine, too.



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Okay, let's get started.

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Ricky the rat was excited.

Was Ricky the rat excited?

Yes, he was. Ricky the rat was excited.

Who was excited?

Ricky the rat, Ricky the rat was excited.

Was Ricky the rat or Charlie the snake excited?

Ricky the rat, Ricky the rat was excited.

What type of animal is Ricky?

A rat, Ricky is a rat.

Is Ricky a snake or a rat?

A rat, Ricky is a rat.

Tonight he was going to a Rolling Stones concert.

Was he going to a Rolling Stones concert tonight?

Yes, he was going to a Rolling Stones concert.

What was he going to do tonight?

He was going to go to a Rolling Stones concert, that's what he was going to do tonight.

Was he going to read a book or go to a Rolling Stones concert?

Go to a Rolling Stones concert. He wasn't going to read a book.



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Who was going to a Rolling Stones concert?

Ricky the rat, Ricky the rat was going to a Rolling Stones concert.

Was Ricky or Mary going to a Rolling Stones concert?

Ricky, Ricky was going to a Rolling Stones concert.

Where was he going?

To a Rolling Stones concert.

When was he going?

Tonight, he was going tonight.

Was he going tomorrow?

No, he wasn't going tomorrow.

Was he going tonight?

Yes, he was going tonight.

He was going to the concert with his mother, Rhonda the rat.

Was he going to the concert with his mother?

Yes, he was. He was going to the concert with his mother.

Who was going to the concert with his mother?

Ricky, Ricky was going to the concert with his mother.

Was Bill or Ricky going to the concert with his mother?

Ricky, Ricky was going to the concert with his mother.



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Where was he going with his mother?

To the concert, he was going to the concert with his mother.

Was he going to the concert or the beach with his mother?

The concert, he was going to the concert with his mother. He wasn't going to the beach with his mother.

Who was he going to the concert with?

His mother, Ricky was going to the concert with his mother.

Was he going with his father or his mother?

His mother, he was going with his mother.

What is his mother's name?

Rhonda, his mother is Rhonda the rat so her name is Rhonda.

Is his mother's name Rhonda or Sally?

It's Rhonda, his mother is named Rhonda.

Is his mother a rat or a snake?

She's a rat, Rhonda the rat is his mother.

His mother had been to three Rolling Stones concerts many years ago.

Had his mother been to three Rolling Stones concerts before?

Yes, she had, she had been to three Rolling Stones concerts many years ago.

What had his mother been to, three Rolling Stones concerts or three Madonna concerts?

Three Rolling Stones, his mother had been to three Rolling Stones concerts.

How many Rolling Stones concerts had she been to?



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Three, she had been to three Rolling Stones concerts.

Had she been to three or four Rolling Stones concerts?

Three, she had been to three Rolling Stones concerts.

Who had been to three Rolling Stones concerts?

His mother, his mother had been to three Rolling Stones concerts.

Had Rhonda the rat been to three Rolling Stones concerts?

Yes, she had. Rhonda the rat had been to three Rolling Stones concerts because Rhonda the rat is Ricky's mother and Ricky's mother had been to three Rolling Stones concerts.

Had Ricky the rat's mom been to three Rolling Stones concerts?

Yes, yes, she had. His mother had been to three Rolling Stones concerts.

How long had it been since Rhonda the rat had been to a Rolling Stones concert? Was it last week?

No, it wasn't last week.

Was it last year?

No, it wasn't last year either.

Was it many years ago?

Yes, yes, that's correct. She had been to three Rolling Stones concerts many years ago.

So she knew it would be like a walk down memory lane.

Who knew it would be like a walk down memory lane?

Ricky's mother Rhonda, Ricky's mother Rhonda knew it would be like a walk down memory lane.

Did Rhonda know it would be like a walk down memory lane?



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Yes, she did. She knew it would be like a walk down memory lane.

Did Rhonda know it would be like nothing she had done before?

No, she knew it would be like a walk down memory lane, which means that she knew it would be like something she had done before.

Did Rhonda know it would remind her of something she had seen before?

Yes, yes, that's true. She knew it would be like a walk down memory lane which means that she knew it would remind her of something she had seen before or something she had already done before. She knew it would be like a walk down memory lane so she knew it would remind her of something that she had seen before.

Ricky and his mother had a ball at the concert.

Did Ricky and his mother have a ball at the concert?

Yes, they did. Ricky and his mother had a ball at the concert.

Who had a ball at the concert?

Ricky and his mother, Ricky and his mother had a ball at the concert.

Did Ricky and his brother Steve have a ball at the concert?

No, Ricky didn't go to the concert with his brother Steve.

Did Ricky and his mother have a ball at the concert?

Yes, they did. Ricky and his mother had a ball at the concert.

Did Ricky and his mother dislike the concert?

No, they didn't dislike the concert.

Did Ricky and his mother have a very enjoyable time at the concert?



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Yes, yes, they did. They had a ball at the concert, which means that they had a very enjoyable time or they had a great time. They really enjoyed the concert. They had a ball at the concert.

Where did Ricky and his mom have a ball? Did they have a ball at the casino?

No, they didn't go to a casino.

Did they have a ball at the concert?

Yes, they did. They had a ball at the concert.

Did they have a really good time at the concert?

They certainly did. They had a ball at the concert, which means that they had a really good time at the concert.

After it was over, they decided to try to meet Mick Jagger, the singer of the band.

What did they decide to do?

To try to meet Mick Jagger, that's what they decided to do.

Who decided to try to meet Mick Jagger?

Ricky and his mother, Ricky and his mother decided to try to meet Mick Jagger.

Did Ricky and his father decide to try to meet Mick Jagger?

No, it wasn't Ricky and his father.

Did Ricky and his mother decide to try to meet Mick Jagger?

Yes, that's who it was. It was Ricky and his mother who decided to try to meet Mick Jagger.

Who did they decide to try to meet?

Mick Jagger, they decided to try to meet Mick Jagger.

Did they decide to try to meet the guitar player in the band?



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No, they didn't decide to try to meet the guitar player.

Did they decide to try to meet the singer of the band?

Yes, yes, they did. They decided to try to meet Mick Jagger, the singer of the band.

What is the name of the singer of the band? Is the Keith Richards the name of the singer of the band?

No, it's not Keith Richards.

Is Mick Jagger the name of the singer of the band?

Yes, yes, it is. Mick Jagger is the singer of the band.

They knew that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn.

Did they know that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn?

Yes, they did. They knew that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn. And you know the Holiday Inn is a hotel. It's the name of a hotel.

Who knew that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn?

Ricky and his mother knew.

Did Ricky and his mother know that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn?

Yes, yes, they did. Ricky and his mother knew that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn.

Who did they know was staying at the Holiday Inn?

The band, they knew that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn.

Did they know that Ricky's father was staying at the Holiday Inn?

No, not Ricky's father.

Did they know that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn?



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Yes, yes, they did. They knew that the band was staying at the Holiday Inn.

So they drove to the hotel to try to find them.

Who drove to the hotel?

Ricky and his mother drove to the hotel.

Did Ricky and his Aunt Fran drive to the hotel?

No, it wasn't Ricky and his Aunt Fran.

Did Ricky and his mother drive to the hotel?

Yes, yes, they did. Ricky and his mother drove to the hotel.

How did they get to the hotel?

Well, they drove. They drove to the hotel.

Did they walk or drive to the hotel?

They drove. They drove to the hotel.

Okay, so why did they drive to the hotel?

Well, they drove to the hotel to try to find the band.

Did they drive to the hotel to sleep or to find the band?

To find them. To find the band.

Who did they try to find at the hotel?

The band, that's who they were trying to find.

Did they try to find Ricky's father at the hotel?



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No, they weren't looking for Ricky's father at the hotel.

Did they try to find the band at the hotel?

Yes, they did. They tried to find the band at the hotel.

Did they try to find the Rolling Stones at the hotel?

Yes, yes, they did. They tried to find the Rolling Stones at the hotel. That was the band they were trying to find.

When they got to the hotel room, they knocked on the door.

Did they knock on the door?

Yes, they did. They knocked on the door.

Who knocked on the door?

Ricky and his mother, Ricky and his mother knocked on the door.

When did they knock on the door?

When they got to the hotel room, when they got to the hotel room, they knocked on the door. They knocked on the door of the hotel room.

A security guard answered the door but he would not let them in.

Did a security guard answer the door?

Yes, a security guard answered the door.

Would the security guard let them inside?

No, he would not. He would not let them inside.

Who answered the door?



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A security guard, a security guard answered the door.

Did Mick Jagger or a security guard answer the door?

A security guard, a security guard answered the door.

Who did he not let inside?

Ricky and his mother, he did not let Ricky and his mother inside.

Did the security guard let Ricky and his mother into the hotel room?

No, he did not. He would not let them inside the hotel room.

“Sorry, no rats allowed inside,” said the security guard.

Okay, so who said, “Sorry, no rats allowed inside”?

The security guard, the security guard said, “Sorry, no rats allowed inside.”

Did Mick Jagger say, “Sorry, no rats allowed inside”?

No, it wasn't Mick Jagger who said it. It was the security guard.

“I think we will have to pay him off,” said Ricky's mother.

Who said, “I think we will have to pay him off”?

Ricky's mother, Ricky's mother said it.

Did Ricky's mother or his father think they would have to pay him off?

His mother, his mother thought they would have to pay him off.

Who did Ricky's mother think they would have to pay off?

The security guard, she thought that they would have to pay off the security guard.



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Did she think they would have to pay off the security guard or the guitar player?

The security guard, she thought that they would have to pay off the security guard.

Did she think that they would have to pay the security guard money?

Yes, yes, she did. She thought that they would have to pay him off, which means that she thought that they would have to pay him money. When you pay someone off, that means you pay them money.

Did Ricky's mom think that they would have to cook dinner for the security guard?

No, she didn't think that they would have to cook dinner for him. She thought that they would have to pay him off.

Did Ricky's mom think they would have to pay the security guard money?

Yes, yes, she did. She thought that they would have to pay him off, which means that she thought that they would have to pay him money.

So she gave the security guard \$200 to let them in.

Did she give the security guard \$200?

Yes, she did. She gave the security guard \$200.

Who gave the security guard \$200?

Ricky's mother, Ricky's mother gave the security guard \$200.

Did Ricky or his mother give the security guard \$200?

His mother, Ricky's mother gave the security guard \$200.

Who did she give \$200 to?

The security guard, she gave the security guard \$200.

How much money did she give him?



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Two hundred dollars, she gave him \$200.

Did she give him \$200 or \$500?

Two hundred dollars, she gave him \$200.

Why did she give him \$200?

Well, she did it so he would let them in the hotel room.

When he saw Mick Jagger, Ricky said, “Jeez, Mick, hand’s down, that was the best concert that I have ever seen.”

Did Ricky say that it was, hand’s down, the best concert that he had ever seen?

Yes, he did. He said, “Hand’s down, that was the best concert that I have ever seen.”

Had Ricky ever seen a better concert?

No, he hadn’t, he said that was the best concert he had ever seen, hand’s down, which means that was the best concert he had ever seen definitely. When you say something, hand’s down, that means definitely or without a doubt.

Was Ricky sure he had never seen a better concert?

Yes, he said, hand’s down, it was the best concert he had ever seen, which means he was sure that he had never seen a better concert.

“Thank you very much” Mick said, “You really make me feel at home.”

Who made Mick feel at home?

Ricky, he said that Ricky made him feel at home.

Did Ricky’s Aunt Fran make Mick feel at home?

No, it wasn’t his Aunt Fran who made him feel at home.



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Did Ricky make Mick feel at home?

Yes, he did. He made Mick feel at home.

Did Ricky make Mick feel uncomfortable?

No, he didn't make him feel uncomfortable. He made him feel at home. If you make some feel at home that means you make them feel comfortable.

Did Ricky make Mick feel uneasy?

No, no, he didn't. He made him feel at home, which made him feel easy or at ease. It didn't make him feel uneasy.

Did Ricky make Mick feel welcome?

Yes, yes, he did. He made him feel at home, which means he made him feel welcome.

Did Ricky make Mick feel bad?

No, he didn't make him feel bad. He made him feel at home, which is a good thing.

Did Ricky make Mick feel good?

Yes, yes, he did. He made him feel at home, which means that he made him feel welcome. He made him feel comfortable. He made him feel at ease. He made him feel at home.

Ricky's mother got a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky shaking hands.

Did Ricky's mother get a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky?

Yes, she did. She got a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky.

Did Ricky's mother get a photograph of Mick Jagger and Ricky?

Yes, yes, she did. She got a shot of them, which is the same thing as saying she got a photograph of them or she took a photograph of them.

Who got a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky?



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Ricky's mother, Ricky's mother got a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky.

Did Ricky's father get a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky?

No, it wasn't his father. It was his mother who got a shot of them.

Who did she get a shot of?

Mick Jagger and Ricky, she got a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky.

Who did she get a photograph of?

Mick Jagger and Ricky, she got a shot of Mick Jagger and Ricky, which is the same thing as saying she got a photograph of Mick Jagger and Ricky or she took a photograph of Mick Jagger and Ricky. When you say you've got a shot of someone that means you took a photograph of them or you got a photograph of them.

Were they shaking hands when she got a shot of them?

Yes, yes, they were. She got a shot of them shaking hands.

"I'll never forget this day," Ricky said.

Who will never forget this day?

Ricky, Ricky will never forget this day.

Will Ricky ever forget this day?

No, he will not. He said, "I'll never forget this day," which means that he will not ever forget this day.

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Okay, we've reached the end of our story, which means that we are also at the end of the mini-story lesson for the conversation "Nepal Part 1." Now please try to tell the story by yourself. And remember, you do not need to memorize every word in the story. But you should use the idioms that we used. So those idioms are: "a walk down memory lane," "had a ball," "pay him off," "hand's down," "feel at home," and "got a shot of." Remember that you can listen to this lesson as many times as you need to.



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Okay, that's all for now. Thanks and we'll see you next time.