

INVESTICE DO ROZVOJE VZDĚLÁVÁNÍ

Speculation, deduction, story-telling

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Stručný obsah	Materiál obsahuje text, kterému předcházejí otázky na které studenti odpovídají
Způsob využití	Možno využít při opakování popisu událostí, spekulaci, vyprávění obsahu, porozumění textu – studenti sami tvoří otázky a odpovídají na ně, vhodné pro skupinovou práci, práci s textem
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Try to predict what happened in the story which begins with the sentence We have just returned from a slightly odd restaurant meal.

Work in pairs, discuss as many details as possible. Use the expressions for speculation (might, might not, must, can't)

- *Who?*
- *Where?*
- *When?*

Example: They must be friends or relatives.

We have just returned from a slightly **odd** restaurant meal. Nicky, Jonathan, Lynley and I went out together and decided to try a relatively new, waterfront place about which we had heard good things. When I initially tried to reserve a table for 7.30pm, I was told "We can do one for seven o'clock." Thinking about Lynley trying to get the children into bed first, I asked if they could do anything a bit later, and was immediately told 7.15pm. At first, I assumed that the place must be very busy later and this was why they were **loath** to take us at 7.30. However, the more I thought about it, the more I became convinced that being a Sunday night, in winter, in Nelson, they could not *possibly* be that busy and that actually they just wanted us out of the restaurant by 9.30pm at the latest.

Work in groups. Guess the answers to the questions. Agree or disagree with your partners.

- 1) Was the waitress nice when they arrived?
- 2) Why was the waitress nervous and busy?
- 3) What did she do?
- 4) What happened then?

We arrived at 7.20pm and the waitress greeted us immediately with "Table for four at 7.15? It's this table here!" as though we were very late wedding guests. There were diners seated at only two other tables and I had a sense the whole time that the waitress was preoccupied and in a rush; she started noisily cashing up the till as we were still eating our **entrées**. Things proceeded fairly normally for a while, with her eventually taking our orders for dessert and coffee. But then she suddenly started running back and forth between the window at the far end of the restaurant and the kitchen, before disappearing hurriedly through a door marked 'EXIT'. The next thing that happened was that the chef emerged from the kitchen with our desserts, while the **sous chef** seemed to have taken up a permanent position by the window, talking on his mobile phone.

The waitress did not reappear and I jokingly suggested that she had gone home. Nicky remarked that he had noticed when we came in that the Opening Hours were stated as being from 5pm-9pm - it was now after nine. The other diners wanted to leave and approached the till, but the chef apologized and asked if they would mind waiting a few minutes as he did not know how to operate it and said that someone else who did would be along shortly. It was **plain** that our coffees were not going to **materialize**. Then the door marked 'EXIT' opened and a man with the unique bearing* and impressive bunch of keys that marked him out as the owner appeared and took over at the till. At this point, Jonathan went and asked where the waitress had gone (I'm not sure why he did this - it would not have occurred to me!).

*bearing = držení těla

"I've only spoken to her for about ten seconds but it seems there's some sort of problem and the Police are involved," came the explanation.

With that, we said we were very sorry and hoped that everything would be all right. Nicky asked for our bill, making sure first that the charge for the coffees had been deducted and after paying, we left. We went back to Jonathan and Lynley's house, passing two police cars in a nearby street on the way, and had coffee there, wondering what on earth the waitress's story was.

Possible answer key

- 1) No she wasn't. She was quite rude although there were not many people.
- 2) Because she was thinking about something else.
- 3) At first she served the customers but suddenly she was running back and forth and left through the EXIT door and didn't appear any more
- 4) The two couples didn't get their coffees and paid their bill to the owner of the restaurant.

Task 1:

Explain the words in bold.

Task 2

Take turns and retell the story.

Task 3

Make some more questions from the text and ask your partners.

Answer key – task 1

odd = strange

loath = unwilling

sous chef = assistant of the chef

plain = clear

materialize = come

Zdroje:

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