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## 22. NEPAL (PART 2)



### Nepal Part 2 Conversation

**face to face:** *person to person*

**Kristin:** Wow, that's pretty crazy that you had a **face to face** encounter with a Maoist on your trek.

**on their best behavior:** *acting or being nice or polite*

**Joe:** Well, it really wasn't very scary. Actually the ones I met, they were pretty friendly. But, I don't know, maybe they were **on their best behavior**.

**Kristin:** Yeah, maybe. I mean we didn't see 'em at all on our trek. In fact, the only trace of the Maoists that I remember seeing was being on a bus going over to a national park and looking out the window and seeing this old, abandoned, burned out bus on the side of the road. And apparently, we were told later, that the Maoists had stopped the bus and gotten everyone off and then burned it.

**Joe:** ...at least they got everyone off.

**all hell broke loose:** *there was a lot of trouble and confusion*

**Kristin:** Yeah. Yeah, but I, I think it was, it wasn't even until after we left Nepal and got back to America that I started reading that **all hell broke loose** with the Maoists.

**Joe:** Yeah, that was actually just after I left.

**Kristin:** Oh, okay, well that makes sense then, why there was more of a presence there.

**Joe:** Yeah.

**Kristin:** When you were there, I should say. But, y'know, our trek sounds pretty different. How many days was your trek again?

**Joe:** Uh, it was 13 days total.

**one day shy:** *one day less*

**Kristin:** Okay. Mine was 12, so just **one day shy** of yours. Yeah, it's, it **started off on the wrong foot** for me.

**started off on the wrong foot:** *to begin badly; did not start well*

**Joe:** What happened?

**didn't agree with me:** *made my stomach hurt*

**Kristin:** Well, apparently I ate something that **didn't agree with me** and made me **sick as hell** to my stomach.

**sick as hell:** *to be very ill*

**Joe:** When you were trekking, or...

**Kristin:** No, no, no, the night before.



## Nepal Part 2 Mini-Story Lesson

Hi there. Welcome to the mini-story lesson for the conversation “Nepal Part 2.”

Okay, it's time to get started with the story.

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**Larry the lion is excited. For ten years he has been trying to get a job as a movie actor. But he has never been able to get a job in a movie.**

**Then yesterday he got a phone call from Julia Roberts. She wanted to talk to him about acting in her new movie. So she set up a face to face meeting with him. The meeting was scheduled for next Thursday at 10:00 a.m. on the dot.**

**The day before the meeting, Larry went to the beach to swim. Even though it was a cold day, he decided to go in the water. When he got out of the water he began to shake because it was so cold.**

**The next morning he woke up feeling sick as a dog. He was coughing and his head felt like it was going to explode. He should not have gone swimming in the cold weather. His day started off on the wrong foot but he drove to his meeting.**

**When he met Julia Roberts, he was very nervous. But she liked him very much. She asked him to act in her movie.**

**Now Larry the lion is a famous movie star and he is sitting on top of the world.**

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Okay, so that's our story. Now I will read the story again and this time I will ask you questions as I read it and you can answer the questions out loud. And if you need a little more time you can always pause your iPod or your computer and then press play again when you've had enough time to think about the answer. And if you just want to sit and listen and not answer the questions out loud, that's totally fine as well.

Okay, let's get started.

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**Larry the lion is excited.**

Who is excited?



## Nepal Part 2 Mini-Story Lesson

*Larry the lion, Larry the lion is excited.*

Is Tony the tiger or Larry the lion excited?

*Larry the lion, Larry the lion is excited.*

What type of animal is Larry? Is he a cougar?

*No, he's not a cougar.*

Is he a lion?

*Yes, he is. Larry is a lion.*

Is Larry the lion upset?

*No, he's not upset. He's excited.*

Is Larry the lion tired?

*No, he's not tired. He's excited.*

Is Larry the lion happy?

*Yes, he is. He's excited. He's happy.*

**For ten years he has been trying to get a job as a movie actor.**

Has he been trying for ten years to get a job as a movie actor?

*Yes, he has. For ten years he has been trying to get a job as a movie actor.*

Who has been trying to get a job as a movie actor?

*Larry the lion, Larry the lion has been trying to get a job as a movie actor.*

Has Henry the hippo been trying to get a job as a movie actor?

*No, not Henry the hippo.*



## Nepal Part 2 POV Lesson

Hi everyone. Welcome to the point of view stories for “Nepal Part 2”. I hope that you’re ready to get started. Today we’re going to hear the same story from the mini-story lesson but we’re going to tell it in four different ways. Here we go.

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**When he met Julia Roberts, he was very nervous. But she liked him very much. She asked him to act in her movie.**

**Now Larry the lion was a famous movie star and he was sitting on top of the world.**

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Okay, so that was the story told as if it has already happened. Now let’s tell the story as if it is happening right now. Okay, so here we go.

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## Nepal Part 2 Vocabulary Lesson

Hello and welcome to the vocabulary lesson for the “Nepal Part 2” conversation. Remember from the first conversation, the “Nepal Part 1” conversation, that Joe and I have been talking about our trips to Nepal... Me with my boyfriend at the time in 2001 and Joe with his girlfriend at the time in 2004.

Okay, let's begin.

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**I start off this second conversation saying, “Wow, that's pretty crazy that you had a face to face encounter with a Maoist on your trek.”**

*Wow. That's a word that I'm... Where I'm showing a surprised emotion. So I could have said something else like, “My gosh.” or “My god.” Wow. Wow, that's pretty crazy... Pretty crazy. Pretty in this situation is basically very, very crazy. So what I'm saying is wow, that's just unbelievable. I can't believe that you had a face to face encounter with a Maoist on your trek. Now face to face... That's an idiom and it basically means person to person. An example of face to face would be: I would much rather talk face to face with someone than talk on the phone. I just like speaking person to person better than speaking on the phone. That's really true. So I'm saying to him wow. I just can't believe that you actually spoke face to face or person to person with a Maoist. That you had this encounter (encounter being meeting). And if you remember from the first conversation, Maoist or Maoists... Maoists are a group of people in Nepal who are wanting to change the government. So on his trek he had this person to person meeting with a Maoist. If you'll remember also from the first conversation, trek is like an intense hike, a long hike, a hike over many days.*

**Okay, then Joe goes on to say, “Well, it really wasn't very scary. Actually the ones I met, they were pretty friendly.”**

*Here's pretty again being used like very. They were pretty friendly. They were very friendly.*

**“But I don't know, maybe they were on their best behavior.”**

*On their best behavior. So what he's saying here is, you know the Maoist that I spoke with he didn't scare me. He seemed pretty friendly. He seemed very friendly. But, maybe he was on his best behavior. Maybe, or Maoists in general, I guess, not just the one, maybe they were on their best behavior. Maybe they were acting very nice or maybe they were being very nice. Maybe they were being polite or maybe they were being very good. On their best behavior. An example of on their best behavior would be: You know, I've noticed from teaching children that they can be on their best behavior when they're wanting something. Hm, maybe they think that being very good will get them what they want. On their best behavior.*

**So I go on to say, “Yeah, maybe.”**