

a sketch

The English Teacher

a sketch by Leslie Dunkling

NARRATOR **MARIA**
MR BROWN **RITA**
MICHEL **ISTVAN**
ANIKA **HELENA**
PAOLO **HANS**
YUKI

- NARRATOR** Mr Brown is an English teacher. He teaches English every day. Listen to him.
- MR BROWN** Now, Michel, say an English sentence, please.
- MICHEL** The ticket inspector is looking at the tickets.
- MR BROWN** Good. Do you understand that, Rita?
- RITA** 5 Yes, sir.
- MR BROWN** Can you say a new sentence, please?
- RITA** My father is a television commentator.
- MR BROWN** Yes, good. Do you understand that, Anika?
- ANIKA** Yes, sir.
- MR BROWN** 10 A new sentence, please, Anika.
- ANIKA** I like football.
- MR BROWN** Good. Do you understand that, Istvan?
- ISTVAN** Yes, sir.
- MR BROWN** Say a new sentence, please.
- ISTVAN** 15 The woman in the shop is buying eggs.
- MR BROWN** Good. Do you understand that, Paolo?
- PAOLO** Yes, sir.
- MR BROWN** Can you say a new sentence, please?
- PAOLO** I can tell good stories.
- MR BROWN** 20 Yes, good. Do you understand that, Hans?
- HANS** Yes, sir.
- MR BROWN** A new sentence, please, Hans.
- HANS** The students are nervous.

MR BROWN

Good. Do you understand that, Yuki?

YUKI

25 Yes, sir.

MR BROWN

Say a new sentence, please, Yuki.

YUKI

Smoke is coming under the door.

MR BROWN

Good. Do you understand that, Helena?

HELENA

Yes, sir.

MR BROWN

30 Give me a new sentence, please, Helena.

HELENA

The school is on fire.

MR BROWN

Good. Do you understand that, Maria?

MARIA

Yes, sir.

MR BROWN

Say a sentence, please.

MARIA

35 The school is on fire.

MR BROWN

No, a new sentence, please.

MARIA

But sir, you don't understand. The school *is* on fire.

MR BROWN

I understand, Maria. Smoke is coming under the door.

The school is... What? Fire! Go to the door now. Quickly!

40 But don't run! It's a fire!

MARIA

Oh, good, sir. Now you understand!



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