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BOOK THREE

Unit 1

At the Supermarket

Tapescript

Margaret Hello, Mrs Callan. Busy in here, isn't it? Are you doing the weekend shopping?

Mrs Callan Oh, hello, Margaret. Yes, I always do my weekend shopping here, now it's open till eight on Fridays. The shops are always so crowded on Saturdays; I like to do it straight after work on Fridays. [1]

Margaret I wait till my husband comes home from work—he looks after the kids while I come here. [2]

Mrs Callan Mm, that must be a great help. Children can be such a nuisance in shops, can't they?

Margaret Yes, mine run all over the place and play with the trolleys. Then they spot the sweets and chocolate on the shelves and want me to buy them some.

Mrs Callan I'm glad mine are all grown-up now.

Margaret They came with me the other week. Little Martin knocked over a huge pile of biscuit tins—I was terribly embarrassed. [3]

Mrs Callan You know my sister—the one who lives in New

York? Well, she says that supermarkets there have playrooms with toys and a girl to keep the children amused while the mums shop. [4]

Margaret Oh, they really know how to look after their customers in America. I've heard they have pram parks too. We could do with those here—it's not safe to leave babies outside the shop in their prams.

Mrs Callan Aren't supermarkets a blessing, though? Everything under one roof. I used to spend ages going from one small shop to another. [5]

Margaret Yes. I must say, though, I sometimes miss the personal service. I've been looking for the tea for at least five minutes—goodness knows where they've moved it to.

Mrs Callan Look, it's over there. Near the check-out point, by the door.

Margaret I can't see any tea. [6]

Mrs Callan There. By the tins of soup. Where that woman in a blue coat is.

Margaret Oh... Oh yes, I can see where you mean now.

Mrs Callan I say. Look! That woman in the blue coat... is putting tea into her shopping bag and not into the trolley. [7]

Margaret So she is! She's shop-lifting, I'm sure. The nerve!

Mrs Callan Look. She's going over to the bacon counter now. She's slipping a packet into her bag. Oh, poor dear, she must be hard-up to steal food like that. [8]

Margaret It's not only hard-up people who steal from shops—there're a lot of professional shoplifters about. I know for a fact that supermarkets lose thousands of pounds every year because of them.

Store Detective H'm ... er, excuse me. Have you seen something suspicious?

I overheard you talking about shoplifting. I'm the store detective.

Margaret Really? Well, I'd hate to get anyone into trouble, but ... we did see that woman in the blue coat putting some things into her bag.

Store Det. Ah.

Mrs Callan Maybe she's just absent-minded and means to pay for them at the cash desk. She's probably forgotten.

Store Det. Right, I'll just go and keep an eye on her. [9] She may try and pay for the goods if she knows she's been spotted. Would you mind waiting for a moment here, please? I may want you as witnesses.

Mrs Callan There, he's walked over to the meat counter. What on earth's he doing? Oh, I see, he's pretending to choose a piece of meat.

Margaret He doesn't look much like a detective, does he?

Mrs Callan Oh, I don't know. I suppose he has to look like anybody else. Then people don't realise they're being watched—although I'd have thought the more obvious the better. It'd put people off. [10]

Margaret What I don't like are those closed-circuit televisions they have in big shops. They always make me feel nervous. They even have them in the changing rooms—not very nice, I don't think.

Mrs Callan Mmm. But they do stop people taking things, though.

Margaret Here, that woman's going to the check-out. Oh, she's taking the tea and bacon out of her bag and she's paying for them.

Mrs Callan Oh, good! She's not a thief after all. She must just be absent-minded.

Store Det. Ah, thanks for waiting. You probably saw she paid for the food. She must have realised I was watching her. I'll have to keep an eye on her if she comes in again. [11]

Margaret It's a good thing you didn't say anything to her. She might have been very angry at being questioned.

Store Det. Yes, that's why I have to wait until someone's walked right out of the shop without paying before I can stop them. Otherwise, we can't prosecute—not if they're caught in the shop. [12] Anyway, thank you again. I must get on.

Mrs Callan And so must I. Heavens; I haven't got any fruit or vegetables yet!

Margaret Yes, and my husband will be wondering where I am. And I still haven't got my tea!

Keys to Exercises

I. Answer the following questions with 'Yes' or 'No'.

1. Does the supermarket stay open until eight o'clock every night? (*No*)
2. Do supermarkets in England have special playrooms with toys for children? (*No*)
3. Do supermarkets in New York have pram parks? (*Yes*)
4. Is it easier for Mrs Callan to shop in the supermarket than in small shops? (*Yes*)
5. Can Margaret always easily find what she is looking for in the supermarket? (*No*)
6. Did the woman in the blue coat put the bacon and tea into her trolley? (*No*)
7. Do all shoplifters steal because they are poor? (*No*)
8. Did the store detective keep a close watch on the woman in the blue coat? (*Yes*)
9. Did the woman know that she was being watched? (*Yes*)
10. Is the store detective allowed to question people inside the supermarket? (*No*)

II. Choose the best answer (A B or C) to complete the following:

1. Mrs Callan does her weekend shopping
 - A on Saturday mornings.
 - B on Saturday evenings.
 - C on Friday evenings.
2. Margaret
 - A does her shopping straight from work.
 - B goes home from work, then goes shopping.

- C goes shopping when her husband comes home.
- 3. Children are sometimes nuisances in shops because
 - A they steal sweets and chocolate.
 - B they often behave badly.
 - C they eat a lot of biscuits.
- 4. Supermarkets in New York
 - A have rooms for mothers to sit in.
 - B have girls to sell toys to the children.
 - C have special rooms for children to play in.
- 5. Mrs Callan finds it
 - A easier to shop in the supermarket.
 - B easier to go from one small shop to another.
 - C quicker to shop in the small shops.
- 6. In the supermarket Margaret
 - A never sees what she wants.
 - B always sees what she wants.
 - C sometimes cannot find what she wants.
- 7. The woman in the blue coat put the tea
 - A into her shopping bag.
 - B into the trolley.
 - C next to the tins of soup.
- 8. The two women think the woman in the blue coat is stealing
 - A because she's nervous.
 - B because she's poor.
 - C because she cannot help it.
- 9. The store detective
 - A didn't notice the woman in the blue coat at first.

B had been watching the woman in the blue coat for a long time.

C heard the woman in the blue coat talking.

10. Mrs Callan thinks a store detective

A should look like anybody else in order to prevent people stealing.

■ B should look as obvious as possible in order to prevent people stealing.

C should look like anybody else because people don't like being watched.

11. According to the detective the woman in the blue coat

■ A might have been going to steal.

B had no intention of stealing.

C was just absent-minded.

12. The store can prosecute shoppers

A when they behave suspiciously in the supermarket.

B when they're caught inside the shop.

■ C when they have walked out of the shop without paying.

Unit 2

On the Doorstep

Tapescript

- Salesman* Good morning. I'm doing a survey for the Department of Health and Social Security and I'd like to ask you a few questions if I may.
- Mrs O'Leary* I suppose that'll be OK. As long as you don't ask anything too personal.
- Salesman* Ah, you needn't worry ... Well, let's start. The questions are on this form here. Er, it'll be quicker if I read out the questions to you and fill in the answers myself. Er, the first question is ... what is your full name?
- Mrs O'Leary* Phyllis Louisa O'Leary.
- Salesman* M'hm. And your age, Mrs O'Leary?
- Mrs O'Leary* Well ... it's thirty-four.
- Salesman* Really? You don't look it at all. Er, now then ... how much does your husband earn?
- Mrs O'Leary* I thought you said the questions weren't going to be too personal. That's a personal question all right ... but I suppose I should try and be as frank as I can with you—£2,000 a year.
[1] That's before tax and deductions, of course.

Salesman That isn't much.

Mrs O'Leary Yes, I'm afraid his salary doesn't seem to rise often enough to keep up with prices—they keep going up all the time. It's all the government's fault. [2]

Salesman Mm. Now what I'm really interested in is the way you spend your money. Er, what about housing, for example? [3]

Mrs O'Leary Well, we—me, my husband and our baby—we live here. It's quite a small semi-detached house but it's a nice estate, as you can see. Our mortgage costs us about ... er, £ 50 a month.

Salesman £50! Mm. That must be difficult to find out of two thousand a year!

Mrs O'Leary It certainly is. I was working before we had the baby, of course. That used to make things a lot easier. Now we're much less well off. [4]

Salesman Mm. Er, apart from the mortgage, where does your money go?

Mrs O'Leary Food's the biggest item. That's about £60 a month for food and er other small bits and pieces—er, cleaning materials and so on. [5]

Salesman Mm. Er, what else is there?

Mrs O'Leary Oh, let me think. Well, there's the car. It isn't exactly the latest model. In fact it's ten years old. So apart from petrol, we have a large repair bill every now and then. It uses a

lot more oil than a new car would, too. [6]

Salesman Er, what about gas and electricity?

Mrs O'Leary Well, we only use electricity for lighting—that's about... um ... er, £16 a year.

Salesman Are you on natural gas?

Mrs O'Leary Yes. We cook with gas and we've got gas central heating. I just hope the gas workmen don't go on strike again.

Salesman How much does it cost you?

Mrs O'Leary Oh... er, gas bills ... um ... roughly £70 a year. Then there's the telephone. It's a bit of a luxury, I suppose, but it stops me from feeling too cut off. [7] Er, there's the TV as well. That's rented.

Salesman M'hm. Entertainment?

Mrs O'Leary Oh, not much of that, I'm afraid. There's the TV, and we've got a record player, but we don't buy many records, though. They cost so much these days. Oh, we never go out to the cinema or anything. [8] Er, we get a newspaper on weekdays, but not on Sundays.

Salesman Ah ... why not on Sundays?

Mrs O'Leary It takes all day to read the Sunday newspapers—my husband says he'd never get anything done on Sundays if he bought one. He's naturally lazy, and Sunday's the only chance he gets to do any little jobs around the house. [9]

Salesman M'hm. I see. Er, what about books? Er, do

you read anything longer than the daily newspaper?

Mrs O'Leary Sometimes, yes. I like detective stories and my husband likes ghost and horror stories. [10] Oh, but we don't buy books often. We get them from the local public library. I mean, it's free, so you might as well take advantage of it, mightn't you?

Salesman But what about your child's education? Have you thought much about it yet? Have you given it any consideration?

Mrs O'Leary Well, er ...

Salesman Now you say you borrow all your books from the public library. Public libraries are a splendid institution, but ... have you thought of your child growing up, starved of information because there won't be any books to consult? [11]

Mrs O'Leary Just a minute, what have all these questions got to do with the Department of Health and Social Security?

Salesman Ah, well ... well, I-I must be perfectly frank with you, madam. I'm not actually working for the Department of Health and Social Security any longer, though I did up until a couple of months ago. [12] That was just a-a little white lie. Now, I have here in my briefcase a few volumes of the New World Children's

Encyclopaedia. If you will just give me a few minutes more of your time, I will introduce you to a new concept in education, a new ...

Mrs O'Leary Get out of my house! Get out! You make me answer all these stupid questions and you're just an-a-an encyclopaedia salesman! Oh! What a nerve! Get out!

Keys to Exercises

1. Answer the following questions with 'Yes' or 'No'.

1. Does Mr O'Leary earn £2000 a year before tax and deductions? (Yes)
2. Does his salary keep up with prices? (No)
3. Do Mr and Mrs O'Leary live in a flat? (No)
4. Did Mrs O'Leary work before she had the baby? (Yes)
5. Does the car sometimes need repairs? (Yes)
6. Do Mr and Mrs O'Leary use electricity for heating? (No)
7. Do they have a telephone? (Yes)
8. Do they own a television set? (No)
9. Does Mr O'Leary read a newspaper on Sundays? (No)
10. Does Mr O'Leary do little jobs round the house on Sundays? (Yes)
11. Is the public library service free? (Yes)
12. Did the salesman ever work for the Department of Health and Social Security? (Yes)
13. Was he selling encyclopaedias for adults? (No)