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Task 1:

Radio programme

Rudolph Hello, and welcome to People Reunited. My name is Rudolph Stone. As you all know this is the programme where people talk about the past and where we bring together people in the present. Today on the programme our first guest is Amanda Peters. Hello, Amanda.

Amanda Hello, Rudolph. I am so happy to be on the programme because I've only been on TV once before. It's really exciting!

Rudolph Well, who is it that you'd like to meet on the programme? Who is your special person? I know, Amanda, but the listeners at home don't.

Amanda My special person is Mr Kay. I'm now twenty-three and I haven't seen Mr Kay for a long time. I'd really like to see him again.

Rudolph First of all, Amanda, you're going to have to tell all the people at home who Mr Kay is.

Amanda Yes, well when I was a child my mother and I lived in a beautiful old house. It was a wonderful house, but far too big for us. My mother decided to rent out rooms on the top floor, and that is when Mr Kay moved in. I came home from school one day and he'd already moved in. Later on, my mother and he became good friends.

Rudolph Did you like Mr Kay? Amanda Oh yes. It was great having Mr Kay around. He was so happy all the time. You could always hear him singing, particularly when he was in the bath. My mother and I were happy before Mr Kay, but with Mr Kay around we were even happier.

Rudolph What did Mr Kay do to make you and your mother so happy?

Amanda Well, Rudolph, he was always laughing and cheerful. In the evening we used to play cards with Mr Kay. If I won he'd give me sweets. Before bed Mr Kay would always make cocoa for the three of us.

Rudolph What did Mr Kay do? Amanda Well, he used to work in the tax office, but he was already a pensioner when he lived with us. So we could have a lot of time together. He was like a grandfather to me.

Rudolph So when did you last see Mr Kay?

Amanda When I was eighteen I went off to University. Mr Kay suddenly moved out while I was away – he didn't say goodbye or why he was going. Mother and I are great friends; we are so happy when we are together but we never talk about Mr Kay. I don't know why.

Rudolph Well, Amanda, what would you like to ask Mr Kay?

Amanda Well, I have two questions. As my mother and I never talk about Mr Kay anymore, I would like to know why he left so suddenly. What happened?

Rudolph How about your second question, Amanda? Amanda The second question which I would like to ask Mr Kay is what he has done in all those years. You see, he left so suddenly and we haven't heard anything from him since then.

Rudolph Well, thank-you, Amanda. Now I'd like to welcome onto the programme Mr Kay himself. Good evening, Mr Kay.

Mr Kay Good evening, Rudolph. Hello, again, Amanda, how you've grown, my dear. I'm very happy to be on the programme this evening.

Rudolph Well, Mr Kay, let me put Amanda's second question to you first. What have you been doing since you left the friendly home of Amanda and her mother? Has life been good to you?

Mr Kay Oh, yes. I've had a wonderful life. I travelled a lot and have been to countries not many people have a chance to see. I know it was not very nice of me to leave without saying good-bye but I just had to.

Rudolph That's exactly what Amanda's first question is about. Why did you leave so suddenly? Can you tell us that, Mr Kay?

Mr Kay Oh dear. Well, first of all I am sorry for the sadness I caused in your family. Now I can talk about it ... but I couldn't for years. Until I had the money. Well, soon after you left for the University I won the lottery. It was a lot of money, you know. I was getting funny phone calls and I got scared and worried for you and your mum. What happens if they find out it was me? So I thought the best solution was to simply disappear I am so sorry.

Amanda Oh, oh no Mr Kay, don't worry. I'm really very happy for you.