

Starting Out

Episode 14 – Can you speak French?

Sammy: We've got a holiday next month.

Julia: Yes, in a few weeks. Have you got any plans?

Sammy: Would you like to go away for a weekend?

Julia: Go away?

Sammy: Yeah. You know, you and me. For a long weekend. What do you think?

Julia: I think ... that would be great.

Sammy: Good! I've got an idea.

Julia: Uh-oh. OK. What's your idea?

Sammy: Can you speak French?

Julia: French?! *Oui!* ... Actually, no, I can't. But, well, I can speak a few words. From school. What about you? Can you speak French?

Sammy: I speak a little. But it's OK. A lot of French people can speak English, too. I have a French–English phrasebook. Maybe we can take this.

Julia: So, your idea is to go to France?

Sammy: Yeah. It's not too far. It's not too near, either.

Julia: So, do you think we can get a cheap flight?

Sammy: We can get the train. It'll be cheaper, easier and probably more fun! Oh, hang on. Can you finish work early on Friday?

Julia: Yes, I can finish at one o'clock.

Sammy: Great! We can catch the afternoon train to Lille. And then we can hire a car.

Julia: A car?! Can you drive? Because I can't.

Sammy: Yeah, I can drive. People say I'm a really good driver.

Julia: I'm a bit busy this week. Can you make the arrangements?

Sammy: Yes. Don't worry. I can book the train tickets on the internet and I can contact the car company, too.

Julia: Great. What about finding a place to stay?

Sammy: Well, we can do that together at the weekend.

Julia: Great! ... I've got to go. I've got a class in 15 minutes.

Sammy: OK. I'll call you later.

Julia: I think a weekend in France is a great idea!

Sammy: Me, too!