

# The Road Less Travelled

## Episode 14: The morning

### The story so far:

Sal has forgiven Katie. It is the morning of Sal's wedding and Katie is helping her to get ready.



## Listening

1. Listen to the episode. Answer the questions.
  - a. Who talks about 'the road less travelled', Katie or Sal?
  - b. What does she mean in this context?
2. Listen again and put the topics in the order that you hear them.
  - a. Katie tells Sal that she will make Rich happy.
  - b. Sal starts crying.
  - c. Sal asks about the flowers.
  - d. Sal says she's worried about making a mistake.
  - e. Sal wonders if Rich will make her happy.
  - f. Sal's father rings the doorbell.

## Language

1. Look at the key words from certain parts of the dialogue. Make them into sentences. Then listen to the first part of the episode again to check. Do you know the name of the verb tense?

you / say that / all morning

he says / he / wait / for fifteen minutes

2. Read the sentence and write the next one. Use the same tense as 1, and the word in brackets.
  - a. What's wrong? (you cry?)
  - b. I don't want to think about it anymore. (I / think about it / all morning)
  - c. I'm happy, I am happy. (I / dream / of this day / for ages)
  - d. Don't be silly. (you / worry / too much)

## Discussion

1. Why did Katie say "I'm sure you will make Rich very happy"? What do you think she meant?
2. Do you think a wedding day is always a stressful occasion? Do you know someone who was not stressed on his/her wedding day?
3. Sal isn't sure she is making the right decision. In English, this is sometimes called *getting cold feet*. Have you ever had 'cold feet' before an important decision?
4. The next episode is the last one of the series. What do you think will happen?

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### Transcript



KATIE: Sal, you look beautiful!

SAL: You've been saying that all morning. Stop it!

KATIE: I know, but it's true.

SAL: Oh wait. The flowers, where are the flowers?

KATIE: Here they are. Here they are. Okay, let me look at you again. Ohhhh ...

KATIE: Hello? All right. All right. We're coming.

SAL: What?

KATIE: It's your father. He says he's been waiting for fifteen minutes. We're going to be late.

SAL: Isn't the bride supposed to be late?

KATIE: You're right.

KATIE: Sal ...?

SAL: Okay, let's go.

KATIE: Wait, you're crying. What's the matter?

SAL: Nothing ... I ... I just ...

KATIE: Do you want to talk about it?

SAL: What if I'm making a mistake!

KATIE: Oh Sal ...

SAL: Don't say 'Oh Sal' to me. You of all people probably think I'm making a mistake.

KATIE: No, I'm sure ...

SAL: What?

KATIE: I'm sure you will make Rich very happy.

SAL: But will he make me happy? Maybe this is all wrong ...

KATIE: I took the road less travelled by, and that has made all the difference.

SAL: What? What are you saying?

KATIE: It's from a poem that Michael told me. It's about making difficult decisions, I think.

SAL: The road less travelled ...

KATIE: Sal, we'd better go. Forget about what I said.

SAL: Oh ... okay. Let's go then.

### Answer key

#### Listening

- Katie
  - (possible answer)* She means that it's a difficult decision, and perhaps not the right one now, but that maybe it will be the best one.
- The correct order is c, f, b, d, a, f.



#### Language

- You've been saying that all morning.  
He says he's been waiting for fifteen minutes.  
The tense is the present perfect continuous.
- Have you been crying?
  - I've been thinking about it all morning.
  - I've been dreaming of this day for ages.
  - You've been worrying too much.