

Arrangements: video A

Another very full day for Hakim M'Barek. He is a communications officer for the water authority in Lyons. Today, he is working from home to save time. So, does he do 35 hour week?

Interview:

Hakim: "Officially yes! I do the thirty five hour week. Err...but in reality I am actually doing a lot more."
(Phone rings) Excuse me for a moment."

Hakim: "Yes, hello Isabelle. Thanks for calling back. How are you?"

Isabelle: "Not bad thanks, and you?"

Hakim: "OK thanks. Err...are you free for lunch today?"

Isabelle: "Today, no I can't do it, I have a meeting."

Hakim: "Oh. Are you free tomorrow?"

Isabelle: "Yes, tomorrow I can."

Hakim: "Great! Shall we meet at Café Marguerite at one o'clock?"

Isabelle: "One o'clock, OK, see you tomorrow!"

Hakim: "See you tomorrow!"

Commentary:

Hakim has to confirm his meeting at 11 o'clock with a group of teachers. This afternoon, he has an important meeting at the town hall and at the same time, he has to organise his family life. Hakim is separated [from his wife] and is the father of two children."

"It's the answer machine. Yes hello, it's Hakim, ... just to say that it will be me coming to pick up the children at five thirty. Thanks, goodbye."

Nathalie: "So, your day has started then?"

Hakim: "Well yes the day has started."

Nathalie: "Are you going to your meeting?"

Hakim: "I'm going to the meeting right now."

Hakim: "So in Lyons... the best way to get around, is by bike. It's very simple, all you need is a card that costs one euro per week or fifteen euros for the whole year. You scan it in the machine, choose a bike and you can borrow it for a half an hour, an hour, as long as you want."

Nathalie: "Do you use a bike often to get around?"

Hakim: "In Lyons yes, very often yes!"

Nathalie: "Is it practical?"

Hakim: "It's very practical. You get to your... for example it means you get to your meetings on time."

Nathalie: "And now, are you running late?"

Hakim: "...no but it does mean that I have to go now in fact... right now. Goodbye."

Commentary:

The meeting at the town hall was very long. Did it go well?

Hakim: "Yes, it went very well yes. We managed to make some real progress with things (text message alert) Ah! Excuse me [for a moment]."

Nathalie: "So, finished for the day?"

Hakim: "... yes finally, just about finished ... I've still got to go and pick up my daughter and if I have the time, I will go and do some shopping. And then, this evening I'm going for a drink at some friends. That's it."

Nathalie: "Have a good evening!"

Hakim: "Thanks, see you soon, goodbye."