

Dialogue sample from  
C. Greek

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(A small classroom with two chairs.  
The TEACHER is standing in the  
classroom checking the time.

The STUDENT runs into the classroom  
panting)

STUDENT

Is this room 213?

TEACHER

Yes.

STUDENT

Good. Sorry, I'm late, I couldn't find the room and I went  
in the wrong building at first and then when I did finally  
find the right building I went up the wrong staircase which  
apparently only goes to the third floor so I had to find  
another staircase that came back down and-- Sorry. This  
is the Greek class, right?

TEACHER

You're in the right place.

STUDENT

Great. It looks like I'm the first one here. You are the  
teacher, right?

TEACHER

Yes.

STUDENT

Okay, good. Because I guess you could be a student too, ya  
know. I shouldn't make any assumptions or anything.  
Because you do look young. I mean not too young to be a  
teacher because obviously you are the teacher, so... I  
think that I'll just take a seat now.

(STUDENT sits in one of the chairs and  
makes self comfortable looking around.  
The TEACHER stands and waits)

STUDENT (Cont'd)

Perhaps the other students got lost too. It's not an easy room to find. You'd think that people would think of these things when they build a building.

(Pause)

STUDENT (Cont'd)

Have you been teaching this class a long time?

TEACHER

For several semesters now.

STUDENTS

Cool. So you must pretty experienced, and very fluent.

TEACHER

Yes. Quite.

STUDENT

Great. I've always heard that having a good teacher helps a lot when learning a new language.

TEACHER

It does.

(Pause)

STUDENT

So, how many students signed up this semester?

TEACHER

A total of two.

STUDENT

Only two? Does that mean the class will be canceled?

TEACHER

Oh, no. Why would we cancel the class?

STUDENT

I thought you had to have a certain number of students.

TEACHER

No, we have no such minimum for the class. We will hold the class regardless of how many students are signed up.

STUDENT

Unless there's none, I suppose. You couldn't really have a class with none. But don't worry. I don't plan on dropping. I'm required to study a foreign language to finish my degree, and I thought long and hard in choosing which one to study. And I'm very motivated. I mean, I did get an F on my Spanish One final, but that was a long time ago. I'm much more studious now.

(checks watch)

Hmmm, this class could turn out even smaller than anticipated, eh?

TEACHER

Not to worry. Small numbers work better in the language classroom. It allows students more opportunity to speak and practice. And it allows me as the instructor to give you more personalized attention and feedback to help you achieve your linguistic goals.

STUDENT

That sounds good. But what happens if the other student doesn't show up?

TEACHER

What other student?

STUDENT

You said that two students signed up for the course.

TEACHER

Yes. But one has already dropped it.

STUDENT

Oh. Then why didn't you say that?

TEACHER

You only asked me how many people signed up for the class, not how many dropped it.

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