

General English vs. Business English

got - received
 need - require
 talk about - discuss
 get in touch - contact
 make sure - ensure
 give travel plans - provide itinerary
 let them know - inform
 tell why - explain
 talk more - elaborate
 fix the problem - solve

- a) Are the statements true or false? Tick ✓ the correct answer and give evidence from the text.

	true	false	line(s)
1. David has had an interest in the creative arts for a long time.	✓		21–23
2. He has only been unemployed for a very short time.		✓	14–15, 111–112
3. There was an administrative mix-up in the hospital's Human Resources Department.	✓		49–51
4. He was not very good at his new job in the hospital.		✓	126
5. He is going to be at least a little famous.	✓		133

- b) Can you understand the narrative techniques and humour used in the story? Answer these questions.

1. a) What information is hidden from the reader?

The fact that David is being interviewed for a job he didn't apply for.

- b) Explain when the hidden information is revealed and why it is hidden until this point.

This is revealed when he receives a letter from the hospital. It is not revealed until

then because the story is told from David's point of view, and he does not find out

until then.

2. a) One entire scene of the story is intended¹ to be humorous. Which scene is it?

The scene in the interview room.

- b) Describe why this scene is humorous. What was the reader expecting?
 What actually happens?

The reader expects typical interview questions, rather than questions about being

a clown.

¹ to intend [in'tend] beabsichtigen