

If your friend came to visit you, where would you take them to?

What would you do?

What would you show them?



Read the story below quickly and answer the following questions:

- *Where is Barry?*
- *Why is he there?*

Barry London liked to refer to himself as a walking joke, a joke that had been set up by his parents but fate had delivered the punchline. He'd been born in Barry, a small town in the south of Wales and his parents had decided it would be hilarious to name him after the town. It was only years later when he had to leave home to find work that he'd moved to London and the joke was complete.

Now, almost two decades later, he was sitting in the bar of the Shard, the tallest tower in London, looking out over the Thames River, Tower Bridge and the rest of central London. He took a sip from his glass of wine, he was trying to make it last. He'd arrived at the Shard early to get a seat by the window but that had been almost an hour ago.

She was late.

He'd finally managed to get the courage up to ask her out and she'd actually said yes. But where was she now? He poured the final glass from his bottle and accepted the truth...she'd stood him up.

She wasn't coming.

Vocab:

- 1) Noun: a funny story =
- 2) Noun: the final sentence of a funny story =
- 3) Noun: ten years =
- 4) Noun: taking a small drink out of your glass =
- 5) Noun: bravery / being brave =

Language analysis:

A chunk of language is a phrase, phrasal verb, idiom or expression that you can learn and reuse over and over.

E.g. to get the courage up + infinitive = to decide to do something difficult even though you're nervous about it.

- *Can you find any other language chunks in the story?*
- *Can you find their meaning from the words around them?*
- *Find the chunks below in the text. Use the definitions to help you.*

Language Chunks:

1. Phrasal verb: organised / started =
2. Phrasal verb: somebody has decided not to go on a date (but they haven't told the other person) =
3. Chunk: to give someone the same name as someone / something else =
4. Chunk: to try not to finish something too quickly =

Discussion:

1. How do you think Barry knows the lady from the story?
2. Are there any names you think you shouldn't call your child?
3. What would your perfect date be?

Follow-up:

- 1) What happens next?
- 2) Write the text Barry sends to the lady who stood him up.
- 3) Write and act out how Barry asked out this lady. How did he bring up the question?