

**Do You Speak English?**

woman Excuse me... Excuse me, sorry, do you speak English?

*1<sup>st</sup> man* (*in perfect English*) No, I don't. Sorry.

woman My car's broken down, and I wondered if you could tell me where to find a garage?

*1<sup>st</sup> man* Well, you know, that's wasted on me. I don't understand what you're saying.

woman You don't speak English at all ...?

*1<sup>st</sup> man* Not a word, no. That's one of those things where I wish I'd paid more attention at school, but...

(*to 2<sup>nd</sup> man*) Excuse me, sorry, do you speak any English?

*2<sup>nd</sup> man* (*also in perfect English*) English? No. What's the problem?

*1<sup>st</sup> man* I don't know, I can't understand her.

woman (*to 2<sup>nd</sup> man*) Hi. My car's broken down, and I need to find a garage.

*2<sup>nd</sup> man* No, I'm sorry; I didn't understand that at all.

woman Alright, thanks. Ehrm...

*1<sup>st</sup> man* I'll tell you what, if you go down that way about half a mile, there's a village, there might be somebody there that speaks English.

woman Ich speak ein bisschen Deutsch. Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

*1<sup>st</sup> man* Deutsch, nein.

(*to 2<sup>nd</sup> man*) Sprichst du Deutsch?

*2<sup>nd</sup> man* Deutsch, nein... nun, ein oder zwei Wörter, aber ich bin nicht fließend.

*1<sup>st</sup> man* (*to woman*) So I'm sorry we were no help.

*2<sup>nd</sup> man* Yeah, sorry about that. Hey, you never know, next time you're over, maybe we will have learned a bit of English for you...

*1<sup>st</sup> man* Yeah, oder Deutsch vielleicht...

*2<sup>nd</sup> man* Ja, das wäre toll!

woman (*desperate*) Thanks anyway.