

It is the third day of the conference on communication through the language barrier. Caroline has had her breakfast, and is now waiting in the lounge, ready to move to the meeting room for the third day of lectures to start.

David approaches, a newspaper, folded, in his hand.

“Good morning, have you seen this?” asks David, showing Caroline the newspaper.

Caroline looks at the newspaper. There is an article about her Quick Talk and the evening session in the lounge.

“Err ... no, ... but how can this be. It’s a New York newspaper and we are thousands of miles away.” responds Caroline, clearly surprised.

“Look at the byline, ... and the photo next to it. Anyone you recognise?”

“Ah, it’s that elderly gentleman who got me the chance to make my presentation.”

“I looked him up on the web. Apparently he is a retired journalist for the newspaper: he’s interested in art and media and so on and enjoys himself visiting places, conferences and auctions and if he spots something interesting he writes about it and sends it in.” explains David.

“Yes, ... but that was fairly late yesterday evening and now here is a hardcopy newspaper!”

“Ah, remember, we are six hours ahead of them, so after we finished in the lounge yesterday evening he probably just went to his room, keyed the story into his computer and sent it to the newspaper. They would have got it early evening, plenty of time to get it into the newspaper. They print their European edition in various places here in Europe - they send it over in electronic form. What we have here has not been physically flown from America.”

“Oh, good.” says Caroline, clearly amazed at what has happened.