

Teaching unit 13: Uptalk in London English

Transcript: Thursday Night

Lorna and Rachel, 21 year-old White British women

1 Lorna: Thur- Thursday night was like a brainwave becau:se // (.) we basically:: // called
2 there's a:: singer that we came across // (.) um // (.) who's really cool // he's
3 MNEK // (.) like spelt the letters // (.) not (.)

4 Rachel: [not emneck as] ((laughter))

5 Lorna: [not emneck as] we originally
6 thought // um and um he (.) did a free **gig** // in **Soho** // (1) um // (.) and all you
7 had to do was just sign up to (.) like email a guest list // an- an- and then get put
8 on it- //

9 Rachel: [again it was free so // (.) that's why we did it // ((laughter))]

10 Lorna: [you get to go along for free // (1) yea tha- that was the appeal] // (.) and
11 also cus he's a really [good **singer**] //

12 Rachel: [yea yea yea]

13 Lorna: we wanted to see **him** // So basically we went to see the **singer** // (.) and (.) we
14 didn't really know what it was going to be **like** // cuz he was only singing for
15 half an **hour** // which (.) like ((chuckle)) (.) isn't that long // but we just thought
16 [oh well] //

17 Rachel: [That's our night out // (.) half an hour] //

18 Lorna: [yeah] // ((laughter)) we can allow ourselves half an hour // and so after um //
19 (2) after he finished singing // like it all (.) it was in quite a posh **hotel** // in
20 **Soho** // so=

21 Rachel: =Really posh=

22 Lorna: =We felt a bit **awkward** // cuz there were all these girls
23 in heels like started dancing and stuff // =

24 Rachel: =yea that's when it turned a bit (.)

25 shit // ((laughter)) and we decided to leave //

Transcript: Big Scar

Lucas and Hannah, 22 year-old White British man and woman

- 1 Lucas: I cut my head open when I was a kid // and like I got a big scar // (.) [goes into my hair] //
- 2 Hannah: [mm oh yeah] how have we never seen this [before?] //
- 3 Lucas: [I was like] skateboarding // (.)
yeah
- 4 Jen: [cool]
- 5 Hannah: [oh my god]
- 6 Lucas: I guess I could have die:d //
- 7 Jen: =badass
- 8 Hannah: yeah [that's a big scar] //
- 9 Lucas: [I was bleeding everywhere] // (.) and like (.) but I used to, after it happened // (.)
um there a
- 10 was like a lump on my forehead // (.) after it had healed // (.) and it could like move
around
- 11 little bit // It was really weird // =
- 12 Hannah: =ah no way
- 13 Lucas: and then like (.) this happened
for like three
- 14 years // and then eventually we were like maybe we should go see the doctor // saw
the
- 15 doctor // and they kinda like surgically removed it // but it was like a (.) stone //
- 16 Hannah ah my god=
- 17 Lucas: =that was in my forehead // that the=
- 18 Hannah: =that's so weird=
- 19 Lucas: =previous
surgeon hadn't seen // and
- 20 then it was just like in my head for like three years //