

1 Chris and Brendon

Brendon: Hi there. I'm Brendon. And you're Christopher, right?

Chris: That's right. But you can call me Chris.

Brendon: OK Chris, where do you come from? You are new in London, aren't you?

Chris: Yes, I am. I come from a place called Beonstoke.

Brendon: Beonstoke?

Chris: Yeah, it's a really, really small village. Only 200 people live there.

Brendon: OK, it's in the north of England, isn't it?

Chris: Yes ... about twenty miles from Liverpool.

Brendon: All right. What do you think of London? Do you like living in the city?

Chris: I don't know yet. I mean, everything is really busy and the street we live in is quite loud. I can't sleep very well and I can't walk to school as I could in Beonstoke. I have to take the bus. You know, I almost had an accident when I crossed the road on the first day of school. There was this cyclist. He was going really fast, and I just didn't see him. I almost knocked him off his bike.

Brendon: So, what happened then?

Chris: Well, I said I was sorry, but he was very angry. First, he got off his bike, took off his helmet, and then he said, "I'll kill you You ... you ..." He said a very bad word. And then he came up to me. I was quite scared. Just the size of the man. He was very big.

Brendon: I see. Did you feel a bit of panic?

Chris: I sure did. But Rajiv and Charlie arrived and they told the man to stay cool. And then they walked to the bus stop with me. They are great. I hope we can be friends.

Brendon: Rajiv and Charlie are cool. Is there something special you like about London?

Chris: Yeah. I like the shops, there are so many special offers. In my first week here I spent all my pocket money. And the cinemas. In Beonstoke, I had to travel on the bus for an hour to get to the nearest cinema.

Brendon: London isn't so bad then?

Chris: No, not really. I think I'm going to like London. And my first days at school were great.

Brendon: Why don't you come to the carnival with Charlie, Rajiv and me? There will be a big parade, people wearing really cool costumes, lots of good music and people dancing in the street. Just be careful of pickpockets.

Chris: Pickpockets?

Brendon: They take things from your pockets or your bag and you don't notice.

Chris: We don't have that kind of thing in our village. I'll be careful.