

## Father Ted, "Going to America" (Series 3, Episode 8)

### Introduction: Comedy

Do you like comedy shows?

Are there any famous/popular comedy shows in your country? What are they about?

Have you ever seen any English language comedy shows? Did you enjoy them? Why?

Do you generally watch TV in English?

If someone asked you to recommend a programme, what would you tell them?

You are going to watch a comedy programme about three priests who are going to America. Can you predict any vocabulary you will hear in the programme?

Vocabulary connected with the church	Vocabulary connected with travelling	Vocabulary connected with America

Look at the following situations. Use modal verbs to predict what will happen in the programme;

One man standing on the edge of a high building.

Two men sat drinking champagne on a plane.

Three people sat waiting in a tourist office.

A man showing another man a brochure.

An American on a short visit to Ireland.

Two men arguing about money.

Three men playing a board game.

A man going to have a lie down.

Three people waiting in a deserted airport.

Two men sitting on a sofa with helmets on.

Someone burning all their furniture in a big fire.

A man dancing around his living room after putting on a record.

### Grammar Spot: Predicting

*Present*

"They **might** be..."

"They **could** be..."

"She **must** be..."

*Past*

"They **might have** been..."

"They **could have** been..."

"She **must have** been..."

Now look at some quotes from the programme. Which of the situations from the previous exercise do you think they are from?

"It's pointless...what an utterly useless waste of time, I'd have been of more use sweeping roads"

"Let's nip that in the bud now, it was 20."

"Mrs. Doyle got it in the car boot sale."

"Damn, I forgot to pack my swimming trunks."

"You've landed on a snake, there"

"So, are you all set?"

"Aim into the wall, please."

"I wipe my ass with \$400"

"It's a little out of date, we've had another swimming pool built since then and these ladies serving drinks would be in their 20s now."

"I hate to bring this up now but...that 20 quid you owe me...if you have it."

### Tricky Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary to the definition:

to land on one's feet	something special (money, a gift) given for doing something well
to work the room	an expensive bird eaten on special occasions
sherry and steak dinners	to make a special effort in a situation for the entertainment of others
disappointment	when someone is shot at from a moving vehicle (normally a car)
to be in the zone	a feeling of sadness when your hopes are not met
pheasant	to specifically excite an audience
drive-by shootings	to have success in life
rewards	an event that causes extreme sadness
to put on a show	to be very focussed on something
a terrible blow	a typical luxurious dinner

Now watch the episode and see if your predictions were correct.