

WALKING ENCYCLOPEDIA

Focus: Using appropriate language

Synopsis

Jude, the grammarian, wants orange juice in a pack but fails to communicate this effectively and gets something else.

Jude calls out to Ibrahim who is hawking oranges at his office. He gives him money and tells him in very high sounding complicated English to run to the shop below to buy him a pack of chilled orange juice to quench his thirst. Ibrahim goes off and takes forever to return, to Jude's chagrin. Jude is getting very impatient when Ibrahim returning with freshly squeezed orange in a cup. He had been busy squeezing his oranges for the juice. Jude is angry wondering how he could have misunderstood his simple instruction! Teacher Titus suggests to Jude to consider the grammar he uses with a child.