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James: Hello, are you Muriel Douglas?

Muriel: Yes, and **you must be** James. It's nice to meet you **at long last**.

James: Yes, you too. Thanks for agreeing to meet with us about the new account. My **associate**, Susan Kim, **should be here any minute**. Would you like something to drink while we're waiting?

Muriel: No, thanks. I'm fine. **Did you have** a nice holiday?

James: Yes, I did. My family and I went to **Tahoe** to ski and the weather was great. **How about you?**

Muriel: I stayed in L.A. and it was sunny the entire weekend. We spent most of the time at home but we did go see *King Kong* on Christmas day.

James: **How did you like it?**

Muriel: It was **better than I expected**. But, you know, I think I would have enjoyed skiing in Tahoe even better. Do you go there often?

James: No, not much. My wife doesn't like to ski. She prefers vacationing where it's warmer, like Hawaii.

Muriel: **I don't blame her**. I really enjoyed it there when we went a few years ago. I'd like to go back sometime soon.

James: Yes, me too. Oh, here's Susan now. **Let me introduce you**.