The OTHER SIDE OF TRUTH

LESSON 4: I can dramatise a story event.

Recap: arrival at Victoria station (pp.60-61).

8. Victoria Station

VICTORIA . . . Victoria . . . Sade repeated the name to herself of the station where Mrs Bankole said they would get off. Buildings, streets, roofs, telephone wires, trees, cloudy sky and now dirty tunnel walls hurtled by outside the train window. Inside the compartment, the passengers reminded Sade of a page in her Children's Encyclopedia illustrating people from all around the world. A map above the opposite seats showed a long blue line, looped at one end with a picture of an aeroplane. Little squares and circles, each with a name, were dotted along its length. So many different stations! Another map showed many different coloured lines, weaving in and out of each other, and dozens of other stations. It

would be so easy to get lost. Why hadn't Uncle Dele come to meet them in this gigantic city? Sade felt her stomach encircled and twisted by a web of ever-tightening wire.

The trouble at Customs had clearly upset Mrs Bankole. She was also clearly annoyed not to find their uncle at the airport. Now she would have to take the children to Uncle Dele's college. There had also been no sign of a 'Mr Bankole'. Mrs Bankole did not mention him again but began to grouse about having to drag all her baggage around London. It seemed that she meant the children too.

Waiting for the train, a little distance from the other passengers, she had whispered a strong warning. On no account were the children to tell anyone her name. Ever. Even if they were made to admit that they had entered the country by pretending to be someone else's children. She threatened that if they ever mentioned her name, the agent who had helped them in Lagos would hear about it. Then he would never help their father and Papa would not be able to join them.

Throughout the journey Mrs Bankole was silent, except when they changed trains from the map's blue line to the green and she told them to

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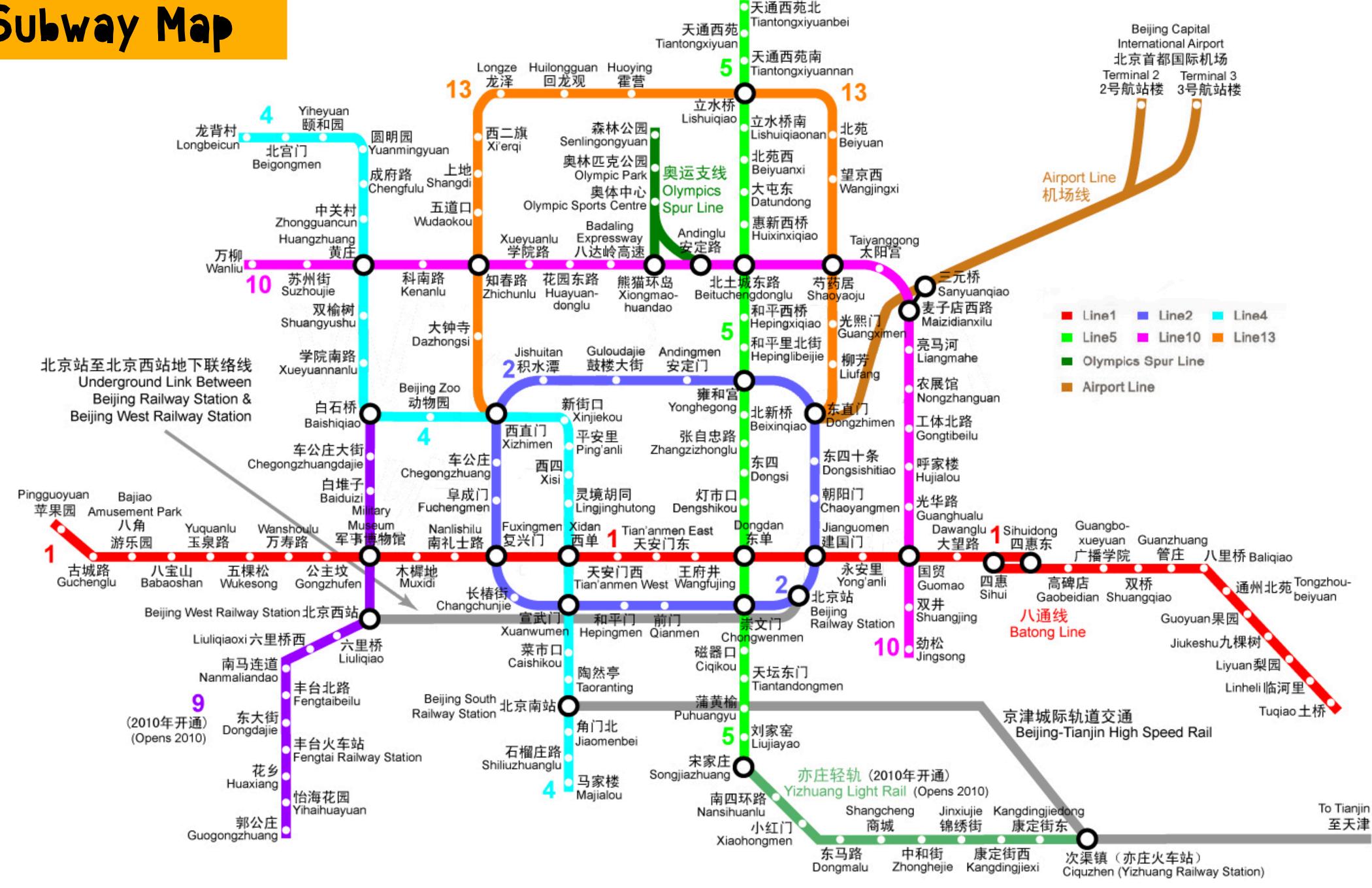
Have you ever felt like this before? When?

What might be familiar – or disorientating – about these maps…

New York Subway Map

Beijing Subway Map

天通西苑北 Tiantongxiyuanbei
天通西苑 Tiantongxiyuan
5
天通西苑南 Tiantongxiyuannan

Beijing Capital International Airport
北京首都国际机场
Terminal 2 2号航站楼
Terminal 3 3号航站楼

龙背村 Longbeicun
颐和园 Yiheyuan
4
北宫门 Beigongmen
圆明园 Yuanmingyuan
成府路 Chengfulu
龙泽 Longze
回龙观 Huilongguan
霍营 Huoying
13
西二旗 Xi'erqi
森林公园 Senlingongyuan
立水桥 Lishuiqiao
立水桥南 Lishuiqiaonan
北苑 Beiyuan
13

奥林匹克公园 Olympic Park
北苑西 Beiyuanxi
望京西 Wangjingxi

Airport Line 机场线

中关村 Zhongguancun
上地 Shangdi
奥体中心 Olympic Sports Centre
大屯东 Datundong

黄庄 Huangzhuang
五道口 Wudaokou
奥运支线 Olympics Spur Line
惠新西桥 Huixinxiqiao

万柳 Wanliu
10
苏州街 Suzhoujie
科南路 Kenanlu
学院路 Xueyuanlu
巴达岭高速 Badaling Expressway
安定路 Andinglu
北土城东路 Beituchengdonglu
芍药居 Shaoyaoju
太阳宫 Taiyanggong
三元桥 Sanyuanqiao
麦子店西路 Maizidianxilu

双榆树 Shuangyushu
大钟寺 Dazhongsi
知春路 Zhichunlu
花园东路 Huayuandonglu
熊猫环岛 Xiongmao-huandao
和平西桥 Hepingxiqiao
光熙门 Guangximen
亮马河 Liangmahe

学院南路 Xueyuannanlu
Line1   Line2   Line4
Line5   Line10   Line13
Olympics Spur Line
Airport Line

北京站至北京西站地下联络线 Underground Link Between Beijing Railway Station & Beijing West Railway Station

白石桥 Baishiqiao
Beijing Zoo 动物园
积水潭 Jishuitan
2
鼓楼大街 Guloudajie
安定门 Andingmen
和平里北街 Hepinglibeijie
柳芳 Liufang
农展馆 Nongzhanguan

车公庄大街 Chegongzhuangdajie
新街口 Xinjiekou
雍和宫 Yonghegong
北新桥 Beixinqiao
东直门 Dongzhimen
工体北路 Gongtibeilu

白堆子 Baiduizi
西直门 Xizhimen
平安里 Ping'anli
张自忠路 Zhangzizhonglu
呼家楼 Hujialou

车公庄 Chegongzhuang
西四 Xisi
东四 Dongsi
东四十条 Dongsishitiao
光华路 Guanghualu

阜成门 Fuchengmen
灵境胡同 Lingjinghutong
灯市口 Dengshikou
朝阳门 Chaoyangmen

Pingguoyuan 苹果园
Bajiao Amusement Park
军事博物馆 Military Museum
南礼士路 Nanlishilu
复兴门 Fuxingmen
西单 Xidan
天安门东 Tian'anmen East
东单 Dongdan
建国门 Jianguomen
大望路 Dawanglu
1
Sihuidong 四惠东
广播学院 Guangbo-xueyuan
管庄 Guanzhuang
八里桥 Baliqiao

八角 游乐园 Yuanlu
玉泉路 Yuquanlu
万寿路 Wanshoulu
木樨地 Muxidi
天安门西 Tian'anmen West
王府井 Wangfujing
东单 Dongdan
2
永安里 Yong'anli
国贸 Guomao
四惠 Sihui
高碑店 Gaobeidian
双桥 Shuangqiao
通州北苑 Tongzhou-beiyuan

古城路 Guchenglu
八宝山 Babaoshan
五棵松 Wukesong
公主坟 Gongzhufen
长椿街 Changchunjie
北京站 Beijing Railway Station
双井 Shuangjing

Beijing West Railway Station 北京西站
宣武门 Xuanwumen
和平门 Hepingmen
前门 Qianmen
崇文门 Chongwenmen
10
劲松 Jingsong

六里桥西 Liuliqiaoxi
六里桥 Liuliqiao
菜市口 Caishikou
磁器口 Ciqikou

南马连道 Nanmaliandao
9
丰台北路 Fengtaibeilu
Beijing South Railway Station 北京南站
陶然亭 Taoranting
蒲黄榆 Puhuangyu
天坛东门 Tiantandongmen

东大街 Dongdajie
丰台火车站 Fengtai Railway Station
角门北 Jiaomenbei
京津城际轨道交通 Beijing-Tianjin High Speed Rail

花乡 Huaxiang
石榴庄路 Shiliuzhuanglu
刘家窑 Liujiayao
5

怡海花园 Yihaihuayuan
马家楼 Majialou
4
宋家庄 Songjiazhuang
亦庄轻轨 (2010年开通) Yizhuang Light Rail (Opens 2010)

郭公庄 Guogongzhuang
南四环路 Nansihuanlu
小红门 Xiaohongmen
东马路 Dongmalu
中和街 Zhonghejie
康定街西 Kangdingjiexi
次渠镇 (亦庄火车站) Ciquzhen (Yizhuang Railway Station)

商城 Shangcheng
锦绣街 Jinxiujie
康定街东 Kangdingjiedong

古城路 Guchenglu
八通线 Batong Line
国园 Guoyuan
九棵树 Jiukeshu
梨园 Liyuan
临河里 Linheli
土桥 Tuqiao

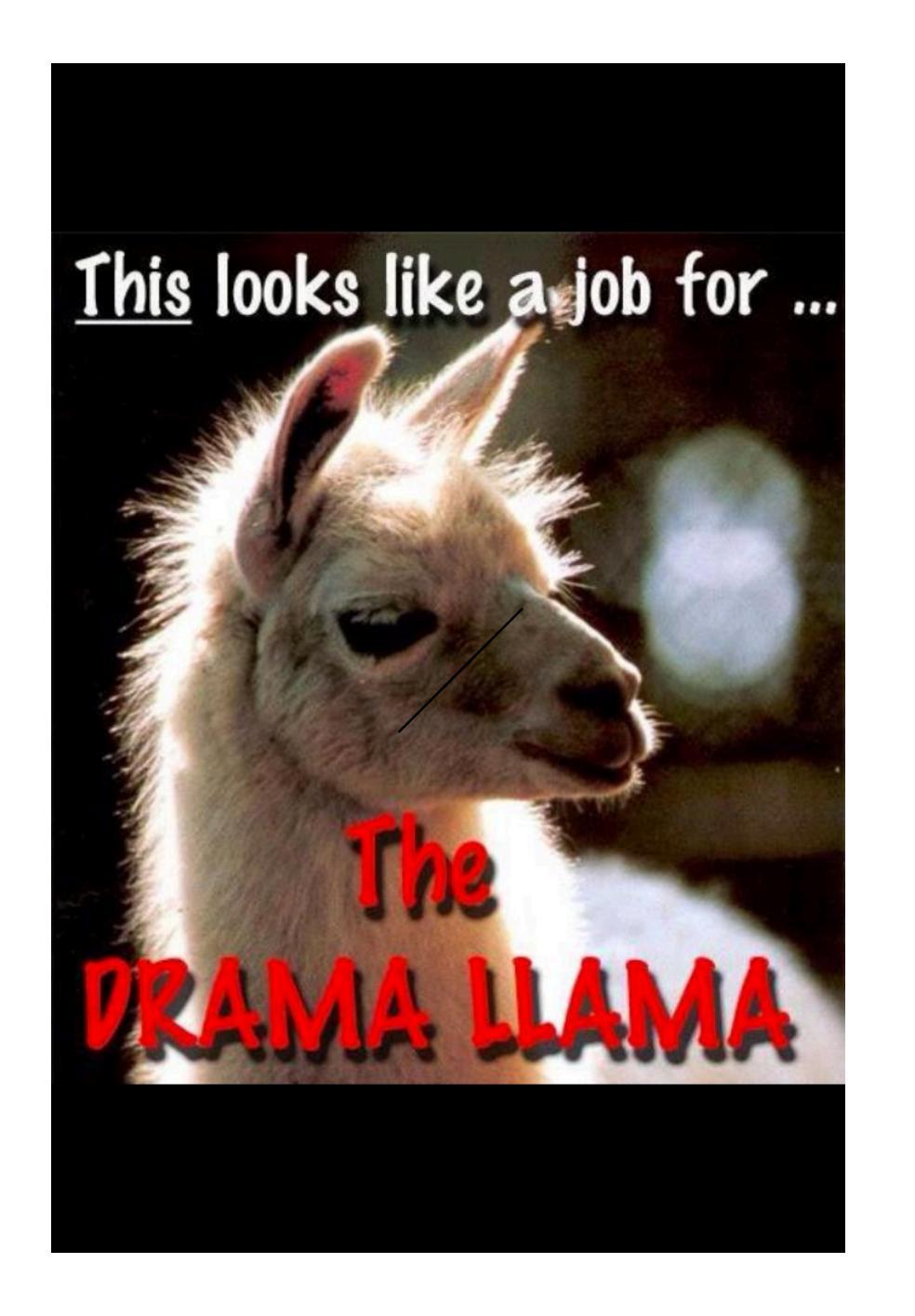To Tianjin 至天津

Let's think about Sade and Femi's first impressions of London, focusing on the cafe scene.

Outside the café, Mrs Bankole and Mr Bad Temper had moved a little farther away from the café door and were standing in front of a flower stall. If this was Mr Bankole, *he didn't look at all happy about seeing his wife again*. Sade couldn't hear what they were saying, but from their expressions and arms it appeared they were still *arguing*. At times, Mrs Bankole glanced *uneasily* across at the café.
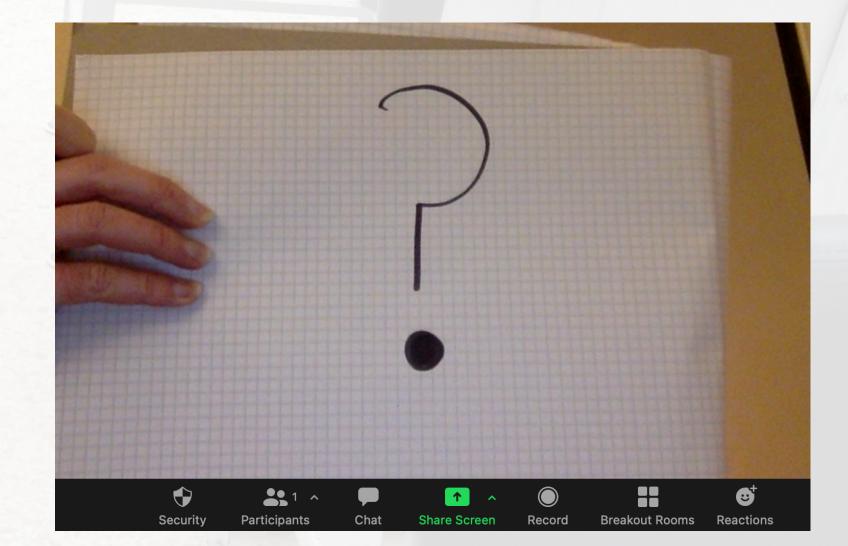
CONSCIENCE ALLEY CHAT!

Three of you will be Mrs Bankole. The rest of you will take it in turns to give reasons for/against abandoning the children at the café.

After some thinking time, take it in turns to give your reasons in the conscience-alley-chat.

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After, the three Mrs Bankoles will examine the conscience alley comments together to assess which argument is most compelling!

They will give us their decision!

Which was the most convincing argument?

In your English books, write down some of the arguments for or against that YOU found most convincing.

Class book:
Read chapters 9 and 10.