

## **Learning by Ear – Jobs and Education**

### **Studying at University- The Story of Malaika / Episode 05**

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#### **CHARACTERS:**

Announcer	- Male adult
Malaika	- A 19-years-old girl
Daniel	- 20-years-old student
Cindy	- 19-years-old Malaika's roommate.
Dean of Students	- 50-years-old female senior lecturer

#### INTRO

#### MUSIC: THEME MUSIC

**ANNOUNCER** Hello and welcome to Episode Five of the “Learning by Ear” jobs and education series. In the last episode Malaika went home on holidays and found that her roles and responsibilities are changing. She has began to apply what she learns at university at home. She visited her former school to encourage

the girls to study hard and start some computer training projects for the children. She also wisely averted another attempt of her parents to marry her. Now she is back at University. How will she cope?

SCENE 1: OFFICE OF THE STUDENT'S DEAN

SFX: KNOCKING ON THE DOOR

01. STUDENTS' DEAN (from inside) Come in!

SFX: DOOR OPENING

02. STUDENT'S DEAN Yes, young lady, how can I help you?

03. MALAIKA Sorry, I have some questions regarding the internship we are supposed to do and I thought you as the Dean of the Students could help me there.

04. STUDENT'S DEAN Yes, indeed. The it is a requirement for successful completion of your studies to go out and get some field experience. Others did it as well, I don't see what problem you are having.

05. MALAIKA You have no idea where I come from. I do not know anyone in this city, leave alone in any corporation.

06.   STUDENT'S DEAN   College internship is a requirement in this programme, so, start looking. This office will give you all the support you need, but you have to do the initial homework yourself. Here at the university, we develop self sufficiency and independence alongside academic excellence. We want you to go out there and do some research. Collect names of institutions and bring them to us. We will support you with the necessary letters of introduction. But you have to initiate the process. We are not abandoning you.

#### MUSIC BRIDGE

07.   ANNOUNCER.   Malaika now knows that she can not avoid the internship. However, she is still confused and afraid. She goes for help from her friend Daniel.

#### SCENE TWO: AT THE CAMPUS

SFX: BIRD, STREET SOUNDS FROM FAR

08.   DANIEL           Malaika, it's not so difficult. You could start with the yellow pages. Or search the internet...
09.   MALAIKA          Oh, Daniel, it's so confusing.

10. DANIEL Malaika, it is going to be more confusing if you keep saying that.
11. MALAIKA Where do I begin?
12. DANIEL Your problem is, you are trying to reinvent the wheel....here...

SOUND: PAPERS SHUFFLING

13. DANIEL It is a list I compiled of where my classmates did their attachments last year, and the contacts.
14. MALAIKA ooh my... my... Daniel, are you not such an angel.

SOUND: A SMURGY KISS

15. MALAIKA Where would I be without you?
16. DANIEL I believe you have just kissed me on the cheek?
17. MALAIKA Did I?
18. DANIEL You did, here, right here? Now I have to kiss you back.
19. MALAIKA (playfully) No you won't.....
20. DANIEL (laughing) .....Yes, I will....

21. MALAIKA AND DANIEL GIGGLING AND RUNNING AROUND

MUSIC BRIDGE

ANNOUNCER                      Again, Daniel comes to Malaika's aid. And the relationship seems to be growing stronger. Challenges she is facing, other are as well, and have done in the past. Finding out from others how they resolved might a faster route.

SCENE 3: HALLS OF RESIDENCE CINDY/MALAIKA ROOM

22. CINDY (sleepy)      Malaika, its late, go to bed.

23. MALAIKA                      I have to prepare for the continuous assessment test. But, Cindy, you must also be taking one this week.

24. CINDY                        I am.

25. MALAIKA                      And?

26. CINDY                        I have passed already.

27. MALAIKA                      What do you mean? Let me tell you, roommate, if you do not get your sorry body out of that bed, sit down and study, you will fail and I will not be there to comfort you when you start crying.

28. CINDY                        Me? Fail? I told you, I have passed. I have ensured that.

29. MALAIKA Speak to me in plain English Cindy.

30. CINDY Here... look at this.

SFX: A KEY TURNS. DRAWER OPENS. PAPERS SCHUFFLE.

31. MALAIKA (shocked) Oh, Good heavens... this looks like official test's marking scheme. Where did you get it?

32. CINDY Girl, at times I think you are so slow.... There are many ways to passing a test....

33. MALAIKA No, no, no Cindy, I do not want to hear about this. Take your paper away. That is cheating. When I pass my tests, I want it to be because I have gained that knowledge. I will not lie, it is wrong, Cindy. Very wrong.

34. CINDY (bored) Well, I am no angel like you. And who cares so long as I get that degree certificate. Goodnight, Ms. Angel, and swot hard!

35. ANNOUNCER Malaika's values are challenged. Should she continue with her values or simply take the Cindy route. Life seems so unfair. However, it is her core principles that will guide her through her college life and life in general.

LONGER BRIDGE MUSIC

36. ANNOUNCER      Some months have passed. The tests went well, even without cheating. Malaika has now returned from her attachment where she has had opportunity to apply the knowledge learnt so far in a real work environment. Back for her final year of university, the major examinations are just round the corner with some weeks of studying time ahead for the students. And it seems like her friend Cindy has also learnt a lesson in the meantime..

SCENE 4: AT CINDY'S AND MALAIKA'S ROOM

37. MALAIKA            Cindy, why don't we plan our study schedules together?

38. CINDY              Sounds like a good idea. I have an idea.

39. MALAIKA            Lets hear it.

40. CINDY              I don't see you managing to study for your final examinations at home if you have to keep chasing the cows and goats from the neighbours land.

41. MALAIKA            That is mean. That is my life, I still have to help at our small farm.

42. CINDY              My point.

43. MALAIKA            So...?
44. CINDY                How about this: You stay on for a couple of weeks in the city..
45. MALAIKA (interrupting her) No, that's not possible
46. CINDY                .... Hold on, hold on, first hear me out! You can come and live with us at my parents.
47. MALAIKA (Excited) Would you do that for me, invite me...?
48. CINDY                Do not be silly! We have been roommates for how long?
49. MALAIKA            Only on one condition....
50. CINDY                I am not through yet: from my parents house here in the city we can use the university library and also the city library. We can also meet other students for group studies.
51. MALAIKA            No kidding... Cindy, I don't believe this. No more stolen examination marking schemes?
52. CINDY                Hey, do you want my plan or not?
53. MALAIKA            Cindy, you are indeed a good friend. I will gladly take your offer. But on the condition that you also take mine.
54. CINDY                I'm listening.

55. MALAIKA                      On the condition, that during the last week, you and I travel to my parents. Then I get an opportunity to teach you how to milk a cow!

56. CINDY                         No way! I mean, no milking cows!

57. MALAIKA (laughing)      Fine with me. Lets milk a goat instead.

58. CINDY (also laughing)    No, no, no, how about, we organise for Daniel to see you when we are in the city and then you forget about the goat?

BRIDGE MUSIC

## OUTRO

59. ANNOUNCER                Will Malaika fit in with Cindy's family in the City? And will Cindy fit in the village? The friends have become each other mentors. And how about the final examinations?

## **Short music break**

## **Part 2**

### **Intro Part 2**

What happens next to Malaika at her life at university? Join us at our next part of the Learning by Ear series on university education to find out. But now, stay

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tuned and listen to what our reporter Julius Kanubah found out for you. He spoke to Herman B. Brown, vice president for academic affairs at the African Methodist Episcopal University, Liberia, about how to obtain a scholarship:

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## Interview

That was Herman B. Brown talking to our correspondent Kathy Sikombe. And that's it from Learning by Ear for today. You can also visit our website at [WWW DOT DWORLD DOT DE FORWARD SLASH LBE](http://WWW.DOT.DWORLD.DOT.DE/FORWARD/SLASH/LBE) for more information on Learning by the Ear programs and listen to all the episodes. Don't forget to send us your comments as well. For now, good bye, everyone!