



Irma: Hello! This is Irma.

Matt: Hi! Irma. How was the interview?

Irma: Well, I'm hired.

Matt: You were hired for the management job? That's great!
I told you.

Irma: No, I didn't say I got the management job. I'm hired as a sales executive, and I'll be selling tour packages for Asia.

Matt: Just as a sales executive? You are qualified for that management position?

Irma: I am confident about it. I stated in my resume that I worked for five years in a travel agency and even got a degree in Business Management here in the U.S.

Matt: Oh, I can't believe that. You're perfectly qualified for that management position.

Irma: It's useless. It's not fair. I even got a degree here in the U.S.

Matt: Wait a minute. Why weren't you hired for that management position?

Irma: The interviewer said that my problem is my English.

Matt: But your English is fantastic!

Irma: Yeah, but I'm not a native speaker. I guess that's the problem.

Matt: Well, you know, you spend a little time at the customer service and you can work your way up for the management position.

Get the main Ideas:

1. What qualifications does Irma have?
2. Why didn't she get the job she wanted?
3. What is she going to do next?

Respond to the Ideas:

1. What do you think Irma should do?
2. Are there any jobs that can be done only by native speakers of English? What jobs? Why?

Interaction Link:

Agree or disagree to the following ideas:

1. British English should be taught as the standard.
2. American English should be taught as the standard
3. Countries (schools) should choose which of the two languages should be adopted as a standard.
4. Each country uses its own version of English as its own standard.