



Direct Examinations Preparation #5

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For this demonstration, we will apply the inoculation technique to Mr. Minchella concerning the scene in which he greeted and seated his guests, Audrey MacIsaac and May Donoghue.

The Element is that May went to the Wellmeadow Café with her friend, Audrey. The scene is that the owner met them on entry and showed them to their seats, taking their orders. Assume you already asked the questions shown in the previous episode (Direct Examinations Preparation #4).

The Plaintiff (Pursuer in Scotland) may try to make these points through the witness:

1. Both women were customers of the café, although he only recognized Audrey.
2. Both women were relaxed and not on high alert.
3. Nothing in the café warned the women to anticipate a toxic ginger beer.

HL1: Now, I want to go over some details of the visit to your café of Audrey MacIsaac and her friend.

FU1: Who did you recognize as your customer?

FU2: What about May Donoghue?

FU3: What was May's role when Audrey placed the order [this placement was established in the earlier sequence]?

HL2: Now, I want to discuss how the women appeared as they arrived and took their seats.

Discussion: This question sequence deals only with the first point the cross-examiner will likely make. It allows the witness to explain who the customer was in the best way possible.

Exercise for subscribers

Prepare the Question Outline in the same format as above to cover the second and third points identified as goals of the cross-examiner.