



Direct Examinations #1

Mr. Minchella Introduction

Objectives

- Mr. Minchella is independent of the defendant, Stevenson.
- He is an astute and experienced observer of events in his Café.

Worries

- Mr. Minchella could have been named a defendant himself and has 'skin in the game'.
- He was busy and distracted and possibly not such an astute observer here.

Sequences

1. HL: Bio
 - a. Age.
 - b. Town of residence.
 - c. Occupation.
 - d. Since.
 - e. Relationship to Café.
2. HL: Wellmeadow Café
 - a. Location.
 - b. Layout.
 - c. Ambiance.
 - d. Menu.
 - e. Clientele.
3. HL: Role in Wellmeadow Café
 - a. Onsite.
 - b. Customer service.
 - c. Welcome guests.
 - d. Ordering.
4. HL: Suppliers.
 - a. Relationship.
 - b. Frequency of ordering.
 - c. Quality assurance.
 - d. History of bad products.
 - i. If any, what do you do about the supplier?
 - e. Specifically beverages.

Exercise

Create an outline for the introduction of May Donoghue as a witness. Copy the format above. How are you trying to portray May? What are you worried about how the defence will portray her? Think like a movie director. Which actor would you pick to play her role?

Use the form of question most comfortable for you, such as a complete question or a few words. Then try it out in front of a mirror. If you have a colleague to serve as a witness, try it out in live-action.