



Skimming

Look at this newspaper report:

- (1) The least successful tourist on record is Mr Nicholas Scotti of San Francisco. In 1977 he flew from America to his native Italy to visit relatives.
- (2) En route the plane made a one-hour fuel stop at New York's Kennedy Airport. Thinking that he had arrived, Mr Scotti got out and spent two days in New York believing he was in Rome.
- (3) When his nephews were not there to meet him, Mr Scotti believed they had been delayed in the heavy Roman traffic. While looking for their address, the great traveler noticed that much of the old city had gone. He also noticed that many people spoke English with an American accent. However, he just assumed that there were many American tourists in Rome. He also assumed that the street signs were in English to help the tourists.
- (4) Mr Scotti spoke very little English himself and next asked a policeman, in Italian, the way to the bus station. By chance, the policeman came from Naples and answered Mr Scotti in Italian.
- (5) After twelve hours traveling round on a bus, the driver handed him over to a second policeman. This policeman did not speak Italian, and Mr Scotti was angry that the Rome police force could employ somebody who spoke only English.
- (6) Even when told that he was in New York, Mr Scotti refused to believe it. To get him on a plane back to San Francisco, they raced to the airport in a police car with sirens screaming. "See", said Scotti to his interpreter, "I know I'm in Italy. That's how they drive!"

- Match the following topics with paragraphs 1 - 6 above:

- a) Mr Scotti gets off too soon. _____
- b) He walks around the city. _____
- c) He refuses to believe he is not in Italy. _____
- d) Mr Scotti gets upset. _____
- e) Mr Scotti departs for Rome. _____
- f) 1-Ic meets a fellow Italian. _____

- Choose the best two titles for the story:

- a) Mr Scotti's Holiday _____
- b) Policemen Are Helpful _____
- c) New York Is Like Rome _____
- d) Mr Scotti Flew To Italy _____
- e) An Italian American In New York _____
- f) An American In Trouble _____
- g) Twelve Hours On A Bus _____
- h) Learn The Right Language! _____