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Informal conversation – Lancashire

SC: So are you all right, yeah?

MD: Yeah, I'm a bit tired, I'd a really busy week. And, er, like, yeah, ah, did I tell you I got a parking ticket?

SC: No.

MD: <SC: No.> Yeah, because I went to this school and at the moment I'm going to loads of schools and, er.

SC: You said that you're going to a lot of schools <MD: Yeah.> doing these things with children <MD: And not enough.>

MD: Because they keep dropping out, but I went and I said er, but, when I rang up, they said they got two slips back from the parents and then when I went, it was three, and so the money I'd put on the ticket, wasn't enough. Because I had thought I'd be out by, a few hou/ <SC: So what's that? Twenty pound?> Thirty. <SC: Thirty? Oh.> And then, if I don't pay within two weeks, it's sixty.

SC: Sixty, gosh. <MD: So I've obviously, I'll pay within two weeks (laughter).> SC: Yeah.

MD: Thirty quid. Because I was, but, the thing is, my excuse isn't, good enough for them. Like to me it was a good excuse for being late because, I thought 'I don't want to mess them about. I'll just keep going till lunch time, which is one o'clock'. And, usually, lunch times are earlier, aren't they <SC: Yeah, Yeah> at schools? And that's, my money ran out at quarter to two <SC: Yeah, about twel/>

SC: twel/ twelve o'clock the ones usually, ain't it? <MD: My money ran out at quarter to, so>

MD: then, and then I'd no cash so I had to go and buy something to get ca/ and get cash out, a ten pound note, then buy a sandwich to get pound coins, to put in the machine, and then I got it, and then, so I thought 'Oh, I'm not putting any more money in', and so stuck it back on the windscreen and walked off, (laughter) because otherwi/, what's the point? I've already got a <SC: Yeah, for being XX, yeah> fine. Well, they'd already given me the ticket so it made no difference so I just stuck it back as if I hadn't been back.

SC: Alright, well, yeah I know what <MD: Yeah> you mean <MD: There's no/ there's no>, er, yeah, yeah.

MD: difference, is there? between being twenty minutes <SC: That's it, yeah.> late and all day. It's still the same one fine so I stuck it back on. (laughter) I didn't open it. I thought luckily. But, so that was annoying. And then I drove back from yours, and then I, then I went back to uni and had tutorials with, you know, first years. And then at quarter past five, I finished, got a chocolate bar and then set off back to Manchester, (laughter) and then.

SC: I re/ I remember er, Tim, I remember Tim once getting a parking ticket. We'd er, we'd gone to Blackburn shopping, and we'd gone on a pay and display car park and it were really (XX) because Tim, just, I don't know, he must have just forgotten about, you know (lik/) er, we were all walking off this car park and we're going, 'Have you paid and displayed? (laughter) Have you paid and displayed?' And we got a, we got a ticket for the car park. Yeah, but Tim had put it in his pocket, instead of putting it on, you know, the screen <MD: Yeah, on the screen.>. And we were wal/ you know, walking out so when we saw this thing and we're going 'Have you paid and displayed?' Like this and we came back to the car, (laughter) and there were this parking ticket slapped on the windscreen (X). I said to Tim 'Where's that ticket?' (laughter) I said: 'Have you', I said, 'Did you get', I said: 'Did you pay for the car/?' He said: 'Yeah'. He said 'Where's that ticket?' He went 'It's in my pocket.' (laughter) <MD: It's so,> we had to run roun/, wel/, I mean, we didn't know Blackburn very well and we had to drive round Blackburn, until we found the town hall, and he had to go into the town hall, and he ju/, he had to make a bit of a lie up and say that this, like, parking ticket had, had (XX) <MD: had fallen (X)> had fallen onto, you know, floor and er, (laughter) but it w/ <MD:

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Did they believe it?> Hey? Well, they believed it <MD: Oh, that's it,>, yeah, so <MD: at least you had the ticket.> he didn't have to pay, but. <MD: Phew!>.

MD: Because they do say, like, not displaying it is as bad as not <SC: Yeah, I know, yeah, yeah.> buying one. It's like, you've only paid a few quid.

SC: But it we/ it were just really funny (laughter) because we were all walking off the car park and we were going 'Have you paid and displayed?' <MD: (XXX) (laughter)> And he, he just, it were he just (XX), it were in his pocket, weren't it? So. (laughter)