



## Answers

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1. **(00:30-00:47)** When the interviewer first introduces Rhod Gilbert, what 2 things do we learn immediately about his shyness?  
**He is bringing out a new documentary about his shyness, and he has kept his shyness a secret from many people for a long time.**
2. **(00:47-00:54)** According to Rhod Gilbert, what do you not do if you are shy?  
**You don't brag about it - *"It's not the kind of thing you go bragging about."***
3. **(00:54-00:59)** What did Rhod Gilbert find strange about the actions of the interviewer, and what is his new documentary called?  
**He says it is weird that the interviewer is making him say that he is shy. (Here we get the impression that he is shy or embarrassed to introduce it himself). His new documentary is called "Stand up to Shyness".**
4. **(00:59-01:25)** What does Rhod Gilbert say about the term 'shyness'?  
**He says that it is a strange term, or a "funny word", which we apply more to children than adults, whereas with adults we tend to use terms such as 'social anxiety'.**  
  
**He says that he has never admitted to suffering from it, and says that he would use the term 'suffer from it' to describe how he feels about it.**
5. **(01:25-01:51)** What happened during one scene of Rhod Gilbert's documentary, and why was there confusion?  
**He met up with his friends in the pub for the documentary and said that they are here to talk about his shyness. They just sat there and let him talk. They didn't know what to say and they had no idea that he was shy. Rhod is unsure as to whether his friends thought it was a 'wind-up', meaning that they were unsure whether it was some kind of joke.**
6. **(01:51-01:59)** What assumption does the interviewer make about Rhod's feelings after this particular scene?  
**That he was feeling uncomfortable because he had potentially changed his friends' perception of him after knowing him for around 40 years.**



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7. **(01:59-02:11)** What does Rhod Gilbert say in response to the interviewer's assumption?  
**He says he was more worried about the fact that people were going to watch the documentary.**
8. **(02:11-02:29)** What does the interviewer say about Rhod Gilbert's friend, comedian Greg Davies?  
**She says that during the course of the documentary, viewers find out that Rhod's friend and fellow comedian Greg Davies is also shy. However, she has interviewed him on the same radio show twice and she had no idea that he was shy. He never brought up the issue.**
9. **(02:31-02:52)** What are the exact words that Rhod Gilbert says during these 21 seconds.  
**[see page 5 for mini transcript and accent guide]**
10. **(02:52-03:17)** What was Greg Davies' misconception about the shyness documentary when he agreed to participate in it?  
**Greg Davies thought that the documentary was going to be about his own shyness instead of Rhod Gilbert's shyness, because he had no idea that Rhod Gilbert was shy.**
11. **(03:17-03:48)** What have neither Rhod Gilbert nor Greg Davies done in their lives, and what quick comment does the interviewer make about this?  
**Neither of them have ever chatted up a girl, bought a girl a drink or asked a girl to dance. He says that it is 'probably' too late because he is now married, and the interviewer tells him to be careful with the use of the word 'probably'.**
12. **(03:48-04:32)** How did Rhod Gilbert meet his future wife?  
**She pursued him around a nightclub. She came up to him, chatted to him and then he disappeared despite the fact that he liked her. He hid in the toilet until the nightclub closed and then he saw her outside. He uses the word 'relentless', suggesting that it is possible that she was waiting outside for him to exit from the nightclub.**



## Answer to Question 9 and Guide to Some Features of a Welsh English Accent

Transcript of the video (02:31-02:52)

### Key - Some differences between a Welsh English accent and Standard English:

<b>Green text</b>	<b>The 'ea' sound in 'year' are sometimes pronounced with an 'eu' sound</b> This sound is an 'u' but slightly longer. It doesn't exist in Standard English, but it is represented in the transcript as 'eu'. This sound is also found in words with a long 'er' sound as in 'person'.
<b>Red text</b>	<b>'t' replaced by a 'glottal stop'</b> This occurs in many southern and central accents of the UK. When a 't' is at the end of a word or followed by a consonant, it sounds like it is simply deleted. However, it is replaced by a hard stop in the middle of the word called a 'glottal stop'. This is not necessarily a common feature of Welsh English, but can be heard in some Welsh accents. This can be heard also in formal English and in professional settings.
<b>Orange Text</b>	<b>'r' sounds before consonants or at the end of the sentence are not pronounced</b> Welsh English is mainly a 'non-rhotic' accent, which means that 'r' sounds are only pronounced before vowels. This is the same in many British English accents, but not US accents.
<b>Small text</b>	'filler' words such as 'are / to / a / can / of / for / from' are sometimes reduced to very quick sounds which are hard to hear. Each of these words contains some form of 'schwa' sound, which is a kind of lazy 'uh' sound. This occurs in all accents, including US accents. Rhod Gilbert even reduces 'of' down to <sub>e</sub> as opposed to <sub>ev</sub> , which is a sign of more colloquial English. However, this general reduction of smaller words is also used in formal and professional settings, and it is in fact essential in maintaining the natural rhythm of the English language.
<b>Grey text</b>	The real transcript of the video

One<sub>e the</sub> things about doin this documentary<sub>wz</sub> I though. , oh we'll ge. loads<sub>e</sub>  
One of the things about doing this documentary was I thought, oh we'll get loads of

celebs, we'll talk<sub>te</sub> loads<sub>e</sub> shy celebs they wouldn'. talk, they wouldn'. do i.. We  
celebs, we'll talk to loads of shy celebs they wouldn't talk, they wouldn't do it. We

couldn'. ge. anyone. The only p<sub>eur</sub>son we could ge.<sub>wz</sub> Greg Davies because he's a  
couldn't get anyone. The only person we could get was Greg Davies because he's a

ma.<sub>e</sub> mine. We're sor.<sub>e</sub> very close ma.<sub>s</sub> n, known each other<sub>fe</sub> 15 yeurs,  
mate of mine. We're sort of very close mates, and, known each other for 15 years,

hung ou. all over<sub>the</sub> world together<sub>r</sub>, and I had no idea he<sub>wz</sub> shy<sub>n</sub> he had no idea I  
hung out all over the world together, and I had no idea he was shy and he had no idea I

<sub>wz n</sub> we've never<sub>r</sub> discussed i.<sub>n</sub> that's how crazy it is.  
was and we've never discussed it, and that's how crazy it is.