**M.1.3 (Basisfach) understanding sequence 1[[1]](#footnote-1) (00:00-20:56)**

**Partner A: Walt and the people around him**

1. While watching: Who says what to whom in what context? What do we learn about these characters and their relationships – both from the quotes and the whole sequence?

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| Quote | Who says it to whom? | What do we learn about these characters and their relationships? |
| “That's why we stopped doing Thanksgivings.“ |  |  |
| “A lot of people showed up after the service.” |  |  |
| “So… what are you gonna do with it when you, like, die?” |  |  |
| “Do you have any jumper cables?” |  |  |
| “She asked that I watch over you when she passed on.” |  |  |
| “Wish I could help, Dad, but I gotta get the kids home.” |  |  |

b) After watching: Describe Walt’s relationships with the following people.

**MORE HELP**: The key words below might help you.

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| **... his family** | **... church** | **... his neighbors** |
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Summarize Walt’s situation and attitude as presented at the beginning of the movie in 3 sentences:

**MORE HELP**: key words

*grandchildren Thanksgiving vintage car/ retro couch*

*young priest “Jesus” confession 27-year-old virgin* *jumper cables chicken Polarski /grave*

**Partner B: Thao and the people around him**

a) While watching: Match the sentence halves. There are more endings than you need.

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| Thao walks on the street... |  | ... and thus rescues Thao from the Latino gang. |
| Spider, one of the gang members of the Hmong gang, recognizes that it is his cousin Thao... | ... when two gangs start to fight with each other. |
| The Hmong gang intervenes... | ... while Thao is doing some gardening. |
| Spider and the gang try to talk Thao into getting into the car... | ... by saying he needs somebody like him and the gang to protect Thao. |
| Afterwards, the gang visits Thao at home... | ... because Thao talked to the Latino gang. |
| Spider tries to convince Thao to join the gang... | ... as Thao does a woman’s work like gardening. |
| Another gang member tells Thao that he was beaten up in the past... | ... when a Latino gang approaches him in a car and starts to insult him. |
| Spider and the gang make fun of Thao... | ... when Thao gets into the car. |
|  |  | ... but now people leave him alone because he is part of the gang. |
|  | ... who is in trouble with the other gang. |
|  | ... but Thao just walks away. |

b) After watching: Describe Thao’s relationships to the following people.

MORE HELP: food for thought in the box

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| **... his family** | **... the gang** | **... his neighbors** |
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Summarize Walt’s situation and attitude as presented at the beginning of the movie in 3 sentences:

**MORE HELP**: food for thought

The gang wants Thao to join the gang, but he is reluctant to do so. Make a chart with the advantages and disadvantages of Thao being in the gang. Think about what Thao could gain at what cost.

1. Material vgl.: Schwerpunktthemenkommission der Regierungspräsidien Baden-Württemberg: *The Ambiguity of Belonging. Gran Torino*, S. 72-73; 80. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)