

RADIO RAM – English zone (Strefa Angielskiego) Episode 5

Terry: We all go on holiday to relax, enjoy nice weather, good food and the company of friends and family, but sometimes, problems can **crop up**.

Nick: Crop up?

Terry: Yes, you know, problems happen, they present themselves, problems crop up.

Nick: Oh, OK. You mean like **being robbed** or **left stranded abroad** when the travel agent you booked with goes bankrupt?

Terry: Hold on, I think you're talking about extreme situations, not problems. With extreme situations, there isn't much you can do, but problems usually have solutions.

Nick: **Getting lost, getting ill, getting ripped off** - that kind of thing?

Terry: Eh hmm, If you get lost, you can use a **SATNAV**. In Poland, it's called a GPS. If you get ill, you should go to the nearest medical centre. And if you get ripped off, be careful in future.

Nick: Being careful in future is not exactly a solution, you can't change the fact that you were ripped off, right?

Terry: No, generally not, but you can be a bit wiser the next time. Of course, if you learn nothing from such an experience and **get ripped off** again, then that is your fault.

Nick: That's true. That reminds me of an English proverb: **Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.**

Terry: So, if I get **ripped off** once (pay too much money for something), the shame is on the person taking my money, but if it happens a second time, I should feel ashamed because I was too stupid to learn from the first experience?

Nick: You got it. Sometimes you can actually learn from problems.

Terry: I agree. In fact, problems can be a good in a strange way, because they test how **resourceful** you are.

Nick: **Resourceful**?

Terry: Yes, your ability to find solutions. In Polish it's **zaradny**.

Nick: What kind of examples can you give me?

Terry: Well, I remember going on holiday as a child and visiting a park with my parents. We fell asleep on the grass and in the meantime the park keeper locked the gates and went home.

Nick: So, you were locked in?

Terry: Yes we were. However, my dad who was a car mechanic had his tools with him and simply took off the gates and put them back on after driving our car out of the park.

Nick: So, he was **resourceful**. Of course, no one wishes to experience a problem, but if they do **crop up** on holiday like **getting lost, getting ill or getting ripped off**, you should always be prepared to find a solution and above all, be **resourceful**.

Terry: Basically, as the old scout motto says, 'be prepared' ..

Let's sum up:

Problems can **Crop up** – this means 'happen'

Being robbed is when someone steals your money or documents

Being left stranded is when you have no easy way to go home, for example, when the travel agent you booked with goes bankrupt during your holiday abroad (this seems to happen at least once a year)

To get lost means to lose your way

To get ill means to become sick or unwell

To get ripped off means to pay too much

A **SATNAV** (satellite Navigation) is referred to in Poland as a **GPS** (Global Positioning System)

The proverb: **Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me.** This is a good thing to remember if you want to impress someone with your wisdom.

Resourceful means **zaradny**.

