Dementia Friends

3. Getting around - Transcript

Scene: Joyce is getting on to a bus and stops to show the driver her bus pass. She fumbles in her handbag looking for the pass and starts to get agitated and anxious.

Sound: General sounds, bus engine running, people chatting.

Bus driver: Are you alright there? Are you looking for your bus pass? Why don't you check your purse?

Joyce: Ah.

<Joyce pulls the bus pass from her bag and looks questioningly at the driver>

Bus driver: That's the one. Where are you going?

Joyce: I'm going to Fitzwilliam's

Bus driver: Ok, I know it. I'll tell you when it's time to get off. Alright?

Joyce: Thank you

Scene: Joyce walks down the aisle to a seat and a woman, Pam, waves.

Pam: Joyce?

Pam: It's Pam...

Joyce: Oh my! Pam Turner! Are you back from Spain for good now?

Pam: Well it's been over 20 years now!

<chatting continues>

Pam: Oh Joyce I'd totally forgotten about that! Here's my stop. It's been lovely seeing you again!

Joyce: And you. Pop in for a cup of tea one afternoon, I'm still at Lee Road.

Pam: That would be lovely. Bye!

Joyce: Bye

Scene: Joyce looks anxious and rings the bell on the bus. The bus stops and she approaches the driver.

Joyce (anxious): Excuse me, where is this bus going? I'm not sure...

Bus driver: You said you wanted to get to Fitzwilliam's. It's the next stop. I'll let you know.

Joyce (calmly): Oh. Yes. Fitzwilliam's. Thank you.

Scene: Joyce goes back to her seat and the bus resumes its journey and a while later pulls into a bus stop

Bus driver: This is your stop

<Joyce does not respond>

Bus driver: This is your stop. Fitzwilliam's.

Joyce: Thank you. Bye.

Bus driver: Cheerio.

Scene: Joyce gets off the bus.

Final screen information:

Thank you. You are now a Dementia Friend.

If a passenger with dementia looks lost or confused:

- Ask "May I help you?"
- Be patient and smile
- Check where your passenger is going and remind them when it's their stop
- If you still cannot resolve the issue ask: "Is there someone I can call?"

Be calm. Be kind. Be patient.