

Episode 2: The Professor's Machine

1. Before you listen to episode 2, try to predict what The Professor is like and check out these vocabulary items:

to make it (verb, informal)

to arrive (e.g. *I didn't think you'd make it, I'm glad you could make it.*)

to fail (verb)

to not pass (e.g. *A lot of people fail their driving test the first time.*)

virtually (adverb)

almost (e.g. *I've virtually finished.*)

virtual reality (noun phrase)

when a computer produces images and sounds that make you think an imagined situation is real (e.g. *virtual reality software*)

slow (adjective) (informal and impolite)

not intelligent

to transport (verb) NB stress on the second syllable

to move people or goods from one place to another (e.g. *The goods are packed in boxes and transported overseas.*)

to end up (phrasal verb)

to finally be in a place or situation (e.g. *They're travelling around Europe and are planning to end up in Moscow.*)

2. Listen to Episode 2 <https://soundcloud.com/cambridge-english/virtually-anywhere-episode-2> once or twice and answer the following questions:
 - a. Where do Paul, Geeta and the Professor meet?
 - b. What does the Professor ask them?
 - c. Is Paul happy to be there?
 - d. Why does Geeta feel unhappy?
 - e. What do they use the Virtually Anywhere machine to do?
 - f. Is "The Professor" as you had imagined?

Key: there is no right answer for questions a, b, c, d and f, as you are giving your own ideas. Sample answers: a. At the Professor's laboratory – b. He asks them why they have decided to come – c. Yes – d. She thinks the situation is not reasonable – e. To virtually travel to the Terracotta Army – f. (open answer)

3. Listen again and check the transcript at <https://www.cambridgeenglish.org/learning-english/activities-for-learners/val002-virtually-anywhere-episode-2>.
4. Do the learning activities online to practise the words you've heard (gli esercizi si trovano cliccando nell'ultimo riquadro della pagina, sotto "Download the Lesson Plans for episodes 1&2").