



### Empty Seat (p. 21)

#### Simplified Version

A man entered a bus. The bus was crowded, but he saw an empty seat and sat down. The woman next to him was sobbing. She hid her face, but could not hide her sorrow. He leaned away from the woman. He was afraid someone would think he had something to do with her.

Other people on the bus were watching him sit next to the crying woman. He finally got up and stood in the aisle. Now he realised that other passengers had sat in the seat before him.

When the bus stops at the next bus-stop, he watches a new passenger take the seat.

Why would there be an empty seat on a crowded bus?

What could be the reasons for her crying on the bus?

Why do you think he finally got up?