

MAX

Is this seat taken?

ALEXA

Hey, it's about time! Where have you been? I waited out in the lobby since 2:00! What took you so long?

MAX

Mom wouldn't get off the phone. Right before we were going to leave, the phone rang.

ALEXA

So? Why didn't she just tell them she was heading out the door and couldn't talk?

MAX

My mom? She's the original "Ma Bell"--she lives to talk on the phone. You should hear her and my dad get into it sometimes. Geez, you'd swear you were listening to a TV show. They really get into it!

ALEXA

What are we gonna have to do? If we need to be someplace at 2:00 should we tell her 1:30?

MAX

Oh, knock it off, ALEXA. I got here before the movie started, didn't I?

ALEXA

Barely.

MAX

Well, at least I got the popcorn, so knock it off.

ALEXA

Hey, the lights are starting to dim.

MAX

Good. The movie.

ALEXA

I hope there are a lot of previews. I love previews.

MAX

(seeing a preview of a good animated movie) Oh, I want to see this one. I heard a guy was almost killed when they were making it.

ALEXA

Max , it's a cartoon! How could a real person almost get killed when they're making a cartoon?
Get real!

MAX

Well, that's what I heard. It was on Entertainment Tonight so it must be true. (The preview ends)
Yeah, I want to see that one.

ALEXA

Yeah, it looked OK.

MAX

Yeah.

ALEXA

(Another preview begins) Now that's one that I want to see. Kurt Russel is one of my all-time favorite actors. I never miss his movies--unless they're rated "R". Mom and dad won't let me see "R" rated movies. Do you're parents?

MAX

No. At least not in a movie theatre. I can when it comes on HBO though.

ALEXA

That doesn't make a whole lot of sense to me: you can't watch it in a theatre but you can watch it-- (a good part comes on) Whoa! Did you see that? I gotta see that movie! (the preview's credits come on) Let's see who else is in it... (not impressed) Hmm... oh, well, I still want to see it.

MAX

I wonder if anybody got killed when they were making that one.

ALEXA

(making fun) Probably a couple of cartoons!

MAX

Oh, shut up! Uh-oh, there goes the curtain. Must not be any more previews. (Making fun) Sorry, ALEXA, no more previews.

ALEXA

Oh, shut up.

MAX

(humming the movie studio theme song with zeal) And here comes the show.

ALEXA

Are you going to talk through the whole movie? Be quiet.

MAX

Sorry! Geez, what a grouch! See if I go to a movie with you again.

THE END