

M.1.3 (Basisfach) understanding sequence 1¹ (00:00-20:56)**Partner A: Walt and the people around him**

a) While watching: Who says what to whom in what context? What do we learn about these characters and their relationships – both from the quotes and the whole sequence?

Quote	Who says it to whom?	What do we learn about these characters and their relationships?
“That's why we stopped doing Thanksgivings.”		
“A lot of people showed up after the service.”		
“So... what are you gonna do with it when you, like, die?”		
“Do you have any jumper cables?”		
“She asked that I watch over you when she passed on.”		
“Wish I could help, Dad, but I gotta get the kids home.”		

¹ Material vgl.: Schwerpunktthemenkommission der Regierungspräsidien Baden-Württemberg: *The Ambiguity of Belonging*. *Gran Torino*, S. 72-73; 80.

b) After watching: Describe Walt's relationships with the following people.
MORE HELP: The key words below might help you.

... his family	... church	... his neighbors

Summarize Walt's situation and attitude as presented at the beginning of the movie in 3 sentences:

MORE HELP: key words

grandchildren
 young priest
 27-year-old virgin
 Thanksgiving
 "Jesus"
 vintage car/ retro couch
 confession
 jumper cables
 chicken
 Polarski /grave

Partner B: Thao and the people around him

a) While watching: Match the sentence halves. There are more endings than you need.

Thao walks on the street...	... and thus rescues Thao from the Latino gang.
Spider, one of the gang members of the Hmong gang, recognizes that it is his cousin Thao...	... when two gangs start to fight with each other.
The Hmong gang intervenes...	... while Thao is doing some gardening.
Spider and the gang try to talk Thao into getting into the car...	... by saying he needs somebody like him and the gang to protect Thao.
Afterwards, the gang visits Thao at home...	... because Thao talked to the Latino gang.
Spider tries to convince Thao to join the gang...	... as Thao does a woman's work like gardening.
Another gang member tells Thao that he was beaten up in the past...	... when a Latino gang approaches him in a car and starts to insult him.
Spider and the gang make fun of Thao...	... when Thao gets into the car.
	... but now people leave him alone because he is part of the gang.
	... who is in trouble with the other gang.
	... but Thao just walks away.

b) After watching: Describe Thao's relationships to the following people.

MORE HELP: food for thought in the box

... his family	... the gang	... his neighbors

Summarize Walt's situation and attitude as presented at the beginning of the movie in 3 sentences:

MORE HELP: food for thought

The gang wants Thao to join the gang, but he is reluctant to do so. Make a chart with the advantages and disadvantages of Thao being in the gang. Think about what Thao could gain at what cost.