

Stress Balls  
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CAST:

OWNER (Male or Female of Any Age)

INTERVIEWEE (Male or Female of Any Age)

SCENE SET: Bus Stop Bench

*(INTERVIEWEE is seated at the bench with a portfolio looking at some documents. OWNER enters with a backpack. OWNER looks at INTERVIEWEE for a moment, takes out a couple of stress balls and sits on the bench.)*

OWNER

Stress ball?

INTERVIEWEE

*(Looks oddly at OWNER)*

Excuse me?

OWNER

*(Holds out the stress ball.)*

I said, stress ball?

INTERVIEWEE

I don't understand. If you want to talk, that's the strangest way I've ever been asked.

OWNER

Oh, that's the strangest? Well, there could be stranger questions.

INTERVIEWEE

Yeah, maybe, I don't know. What is it with offering me a stress ball?

OWNER

You look like you're sitting, waiting for the bus, anticipating a big meeting or something-

INTERVIEWEE

Yeah, so-?

OWNER

So, I thought you'd like a stress ball. You know, to relieve any of the stress you might have.

INTERVIEWEE

*(Looks at OWNER strangely.)*

Yeah, well, are you waiting for the bus or what?

OWNER

Yeah.

INTERVIEWEE

Okay. So, stress ball huh?

OWNER

Yeah.

INTERVIEWEE

Is this a gag? Is this a joke for a You Tube show or something?

OWNER

No. I make stress balls.

INTERVIEWEE

You mean with your hands?

OWNER

*(Looks irritated.)*

No. I mean I design them and own my own manufacturing stress ball company. You know, for promotions and logo imprints and, well, anything. They're therapeutic you know.

INTERVIEWEE

Oh, I get it. You own a company that makes them.

OWNER

Didn't I just say that?