



Answer the following questions in a single sentence:

1. Who all are in the room with the narrator?

There is one more person in the room apart from the narrator.

2. Who are having the telephonic conversation?

Mr. Bagley and the applicant had telephonic conversation.

3. Mention the range of topics covered in the conversation.

A large number of topics discussed in the conversation.

4. What according to the narrator is the strangest of all things?

The strangest of things is that women do not call up the central office themselves.

5. What is your reaction to reading this piece?

Answers may vary.

Additional Questions: Sample of telephonic conversations

1. Calling friends: call a friend

Mary is calling her friend Michael. Since he's not home, his brother Tom is answering the phone.

Hello, Tom speaking.

Hi Tom, this is Mary. Is your brother in?

No, he's at the cinema. Can I take a message?

Yes, could you tell him to call me back, please?

Sure.

Thanks. Bye.

Bye.

2. Making a business call

Business telephone call: Gerhard Maier is calling Mr. Brown's office. Since he's not in, Robert Smith is answering the call.

Good morning. Robert Smith speaking.

Good morning. This is Gerhard Maier. I would like to speak to Mr. Brown.

Oh, sorry. Mr. Brown is not here, yet.

Can you tell me when he will be in?

Probably around 4 pm.

Alright, I will call again later then. Thank you.

You're welcome. Bye.

Bye.

Think and answer:

Writing task for students:

How does the author bring out the difference between the genders with regard to telephonic conversations? How do you agree with his views? Give your reasons.