

Conversation

Anna: Hello! Washington, D.C. sits on the **Potomac River**. This river is important to the history and culture of the city. Today, I am at an outdoor **seafood market** near the Potomac River. Some say it is the **oldest** outdoor seafood market in the United States! I am here to buy seafood. Let's see what they have!

Anna: Excuse me. Can you help me?

Pete: Sure! What do you need?

Anna: Pete!

Pete: Anna!

Anna: What are you doing here?

Pete: I work here. You know, it's not easy to be a writer.

Anna: Yeah, I heard that. Sorry.

Pete: But this job is great. I work outside by the river. And I can eat all the free seafood I want!

Anna: That is great, Pete. In fact, I am here to buy **some** seafood for my dinner party.

Pete: You came to the right place. They have the **freshest** seafood in town. **How much money** can you **spend**?

Anna: I can only spend \$50.

Pete: Okay. What do you want?

Anna: First, I want to buy some shrimp.

Pete: Sure thing. Follow me. How much shrimp do you want?

Anna: How much do I need for five people?

Pete: (*yells to co-worker*) Give her a **pound** of shrimp!

Anna: Ok, now I want to buy some **crabs**.

Pete: The crabs here are delicious! They are the **best** because they come from the nearby **Chesapeake Bay**! Walk this way.

Pete: How **many** crabs do you want?

Anna: I want a **dozen** crabs.

Pete: You should get the **larger** crabs. They have the **most** meat.

Anna: Then I want a dozen large crabs, please!

Pete: Is that everything you need?

Anna: Let's see ... I have shrimp and crabs. And a friend is bringing a **salad** and many **ears** of **corn-on-the-cob**.

Pete: Is that all the *seafood* that you need?

Anna: Yes.

Pete: That'll be \$49.95. Cash or **credit**?

Anna: Credit, please.

Pete: Anna, you love to eat seafood. Did you grow up on the water?

Anna: No, I didn't. But I love the **water**. And I love being *on* the water.

Pete: You know how to **sail**?

Anna: Well ... this afternoon I am going on a boat.

Pete: You are full of surprises. What kind of boat? Is it a **motorboat** or a **sailboat**?

Anna: It's a special boat, Pete. Well, thanks for your help. See you later!

Pete: See you, Anna! Wow, Anna's a **sailor**! Who knew?

Anna: Yes, rivers are important to the history and culture of Washington, D.C. And now I am part of this city's interesting **waterfront** culture. Until next time!