

So Many Things I Could Have Written.

1 My first problem was the language.

2 I took a taxi from Heathrow Airport to a hotel in the centre of London. It was an expensive
3 hotel because I did not know a cheaper one. The taxi driver, who did not know my pocket,
4 was my guide.

5 The receptionist addressed me as if I was deaf. Every time he asked me to pay the bill, I
6 used to give him a hundred dollars* and simply waited for the change, not knowing how
7 much it should be. Actually I was at his mercy.

8 After three days the receptionist put me in touch with two Somalis living here. One of them
9 was a blind man. Since the other one was living in a hostel, the blind man invited me to stay
10 in his flat, until the necessary formalities were sorted out by the Home Office.

11 The blind man was my guide and my interpreter but I was the real guide as he was blind –
12 that means it was the blind leading the blind.

* The currency of the UK is sterling (pounds £). It is unusual (although possible) to pay for hotel bills in dollars.

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