


Preview

In the last episode Kate's best friend Mel knew something was bugging Kate. As she packed her suitcase, Kate told her friend a secret: *I'm going to be moving into a co-ed dorm.* Her parents don't know the residence is co-ed. In this episode, it is moving day. Kate drops the bombshell on her dad as they pull into a parking spot on campus.

Did you know?

The term "**spot**" has several meanings in the English language. It can be used as a verb or a noun. It is also part of an idiomatic expression.

1. When used as a verb the word "spot" means *to find and see*. EX: **Can you spot the mistake?**
2. It can also be used as a noun meaning *place*. EX: **I lost my spot in the line.**
3. It is also used as an idiom "*on the spot*" - (to not give someone any time to prepare or respond). EX: **He put me on the spot when he asked me to marry him in front of his whole family.**

Pre-reading Vocabulary List 

Word	Definition	Notes / Translation
wouldn't miss something for the world	it is very important to see or be present for something	
it pays	it is worth the effort; it results in something positive	
meaning to	planning to do something, but haven't had time or ability until now	
out of character	not typical behavior of a person	
I swear	I promise it's the truth.	
off campus	not on the school grounds	
can't afford	don't have enough money	
take something up	discuss an issue or concern	
to not sit well	to cause someone to feel uneasy or concerned	
to think something through	to think a lot about a decision	
to give someone the benefit of the doubt	to accept that someone is innocent (or capable) until proven otherwise	

Dialogue 

Fill in the blanks with words from the vocabulary list.

Kate: Thanks for taking a day off work to drive me to the campus, Dad.

Dad: Are you kidding? I **wouldn't** _____ this **for the** _____.

Kate: The sign says we can park in front of the residence while we unload.

Dad: This looks like a good spot. I guess **it pays** to get here early. It sure looks like a nice place to live. You couldn't get any closer to the school.

Kate: Dad, there's something I've been _____ **to tell** you about this place.

Dad: Don't worry, Katie. You will miss Melanie, but you're going to meet all kinds of new girls here.

Kate: Not just girls, Dad. This residence is co-ed.

Dad: Say again?

Kate: My roommate is a girl, but there are guys that live on some of the floors. This wasn't my idea. **I** _____ .

Dad: You know your mother and I don't approve of this kind of thing. You're here to study Kate!

Kate: My first choice was the all-girls dorm, but I didn't get in. I'd have to live **off campus** if I turned this down.

Dad: It isn't like you to keep something from us, Kate. This is so **out** _____ **character** for you.

Kate: I _____ **afford** to rent an apartment, Dad.

Dad: Maybe we can **take this** _____ with the residence office. You knew this wasn't going to **sit well** with me.

Kate: Can't you just give me the **benefit of the** _____? I've **thought** this _____ and I really want to live on campus.

Dad: Well, there not much we can do about it now. Why don't you run in and get the keys. That new roommate of yours better be a girl!


Comprehension Questions

1. Where does the beginning of the conversation take place?
2. Describe the location of Kate's dorm.
3. True or False? Kate's first choice of residence was the co-ed dorm.
4. How does Kate's dad feel after she drops the bombshell?
5. According to Kate's dad, how will Kate's mother feel about Kate's living arrangements?
6. Where would Kate have to live if she didn't accept the co-ed residence offer?
7. What is Kate's dad's immediate suggestion to the problem?
8. What is the last comment Kate's dad makes in the conversation?

Vocabulary Match 

Match the words on the left to the definitions on the right.

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| 1. not miss <i>something</i> for the world | a) planning to |
| 2. it pays | b) unordinary behavior |
| 3. meaning to | c) do not have enough money |
| 4. out of character | d) away from the school |
| 5. I swear | e) must be there for something |
| 6. off campus | f) approach someone about something |
| 7. can't afford | g) I promise |
| 8. take <i>something up</i> | h) consider something seriously |
| 9. not sit well | i) doesn't feel right |
| 10. think <i>something</i> through | j) accept that someone might have a good reason |
| 11. give <i>someone</i> the benefit of the doubt | k) it's worth it |


Vocabulary Gap 

- Another way of saying "I promise" is ...
 a. I afford b. I correct c. I swear d. I doubt
- Those who can't get into the dormitories have to live ...
 a. on campus b. off campus c. in campus d. at campus
- When something makes you uncomfortable it does not ...
 a. sit well b. suit through c. afford much d. think through
- I've been _____ to call you but I've been so busy with work.
 a. making b. meaning c. minding d. mending
- It _____ to reserve a table ahead of time.
 a. sits b. affords c. pays d. misses

My Life

Discuss these questions with a partner or write your responses in a journal entry.

- Name something you wish you could afford, but can't. Is there anything you can do to turn your dream into reality?
- If you were Kate, would you have waited this long to tell your parents the news?
- Have you or your friends ever lived on campus? What was the experience like?
- Have you ever asked someone to give you the benefit of the doubt? Describe what happened.

Group Discussion

Create a chart on the board or in a small group. Brainstorm the pros and cons to living on and off campus. After the discussion, take a vote to see who would want to live on or off campus.

Life On Campus		Life Off Campus	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons

Stay Tuned: Episode #3

In the next episode, Kate and her new roommate **get off to a rocky start.**