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Episode 5: Short on Cash



Preview

In the last episode, Kate approached her residence Don. She complained that she was having trouble studying. Her roommate Yuki always has an entourage. Alex (the Don) thinks Kate is overreacting. He suggests some solutions, but Kate insists on moving to a single room. In episode 5, Kate brings up this issue with her mother. The one thing standing in her way is cash! Will her mother be able to help?

Who are you calling "dear"?

The word "dear" is a term of endearment. It shows that you love someone. Other terms of endearment are "sweetie", "honey", "pumpkin", "baby", and "love". English learners often use these words awkwardly or inappropriately. A mother can use it with her child. A husband can use it with his wife (But, she may say, "Don't call me dear!" Some women think "dear" is old-fashioned and even insulting.) A student should not call a teacher or peer "dear". The most appropriate form of "dear" is from an elderly or older person (grandparent or parent) to a younger person (grandchild or child). If in doubt, don't call a person "dear".

Pre-Reading Vocabulary List **N**

Word	Definition	Notes / Examples
to get along	to be happy with one another	opposite: to fight or argue
to see eye to eye	to agree, to see things in the same way	
dough	money	<u>"gh"</u> is silent
student loan	an amount of money that a student borrows to help pay for schooling	
things are tight	there isn't any extra money	
to cover the costs	to pay for	
to fit in	to have room	can be literal or not
to whip into shape	to get something ready	
under pressure	stress due to demands such as time constraints	
to get settled	to feel comfortable with new surroundings	





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Dialogue

Fill in the blanks with words from the vocabulary list.

Kate: Remember I told you about the form I filled out at the housing office last week, Mom? Mom: Oh, right. Is your roommate still bugging you? I know you two got off to a rocky start, but I figured you'd find a way to get _____. Kate: Believe me, I've tried. Yuki and I don't see _____ on anything. Anyway, my application was accepted. I'm moving to my new room on Friday. Mom: So you need us to come down and help you move, do you? **Kate:** Not exactly. What I need is a little extra . The other room costs an extra 200 bucks a month. **Mom:** That's what your **loan** is for, dear. Kate: Mom, I need that money for tuition and books. I'll have no money for groceries if I use my student loan to cover the extra room charge. **Mom:** Things are a bit here, love. You may need to consider a part-time job. Kate: A job? Didn't you say you wanted me to concentrate on my studies? Mom: Well, yes, but if you're really serious about moving into a single room, then you'll have to find a way to the costs. ask for at first? Kate: I don't know how I'm going to _____ a job. I'm already behind in my reading. the extra costs of having a single room. Mom: You have to hang out with your new friends on the bit tight around here"? weekends, dear. I suggest you _____ that resume of yours **into** . Kate: I guess you're right. I'll do anything to get out of this **7.** According to Kate's mom, how does Kate **Mom:** It might be good for you to get a part-time job. work best? You've always worked better **under** .

- 1. Have Yuki and Kate found a way to get along?
- 2. What does Kate's mom think Kate is going to
- 3. True or False? Kate's student loan will cover
- 4. What does Kate's mom mean by "things are a
- **5.** What suggestion does Kate's mom have for Kate in relation to affording the single room?
- **6.** What does Kate need to "whip into shape"?
- **8.** What does Kate agree to do?



Kate: I guess you're right, Mom. I'll start my job hunt as

soon as I **get** _____ into my new room.



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Vocabulary Jeopardy (Group Activity)

Listen to your teacher read definitions from the vocabulary chart. Put your hand up if you know which word or expression your teacher is defining. To answer say, "What is + vocabulary word."

EXAMPLE Jeopardy

Teacher (calls out loud): "to pay for"
Juan: What is "to cover the price".
Teacher: Almost. Guess again.
Maria: What is "to cover the cost?"
Teacher: Right! One point for Maria.

WE NEED A HINT

Students can guess other synonyms as well. Points are only awarded for choosing the **exact word or phrase** from the vocabulary chart. If no one can guess the word, the teacher can read a few sentences surrounding the word or phrase.

EXAMPLE HINT

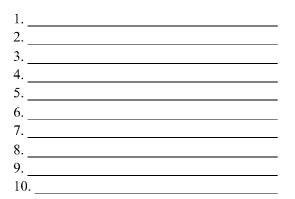
Teacher: to pay for (pause...) Nobody can guess? Okay, here's a hint:

Kate says, "A job? Didn't you say you wanted me to concentrate on my studies?" Kate's mom answers, "Well, yes, but if you're really serious about moving into a single room, then you'll have to find a way to cover the costs."

Juan (hand up): What is "to cover the cost." **Teacher:** That's right! One point for Juan.

Vocabulary Bee Spell Check

Listen to your teacher read the following expressions. Pass your page to a partner and check for correct spelling.





My Life ☑

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

- 1. Do you work better under pressure?
- **2.** If you were Kate, would you ask your parents for financial help?
- 3. Are you a person who usually gets along with others? Why or why not?
- 4. Have you ever been short on cash? What did you do?
- **5.** What would you need to do in order to whip your own resume into shape?

Stay Tuned: Episode #6

Stay Tuned: Kate lands a job.

In the next episode, Kate lands a job.







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Vocabulary Grouping Which word does not belong?

Circle the word that does not belong in each group.

- 1. find / dough / bucks / cash
- 2. student loan / tuition / costs / eye to eye
- 3. pressure / stress / time constraint / get along
- 4. settle in/get comfortable / tight financially / relax
- 5. accommodate / fit in / make room / whip into shape
- 6. have fun / get along / cover the cost / enjoy one's company
- 7. dear / sweetie / student / love



Create a chart on the board or in a small group. Brainstorm the pros and cons to borrowing money for school and working part-time. Take a class vote to decide which is more popular. Discuss the various financial options and challenges students have.

Working part-time while studying		Studying and getting a large loan	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons