





Episode 7: Making Time for Melanie

Preview



In the last episode, Kate had a job interview at a restaurant. The manager liked Kate's answers and offered her a hostessing position right there **on the spot.** He also asked her to come in for her first shift later that day. Does Kate have enough time for school, a job, and a social life? Let's find out more about this **balancing act** in this episode.

Word Stress

Did you know that you can change the meaning of a sentence with **word stress**? In this episode, Melanie says, "I want to hang out with *you*, Kate." The italics show the speaker that this word should be stressed. With the proper stress, the sentence shows that Melanie wants to hang out with Kate, not Kate's friends. If the word stress were placed on "I" or "hang out" the meaning would be different.

Example 1: Girl: Nobody wants to hang out with me. I'm so bored. Boy: I want to hang out with you.

Example 2: Girl: We could *study* together. Boy: I want to *hang out* with you." (He doesn't want to *study* with her.)

Pre-reading Vocabulary List **N**

Word	Definition	Notes / Translation
to reach someone	to be able to contact someone (usually by phone)	
"You can say that again."	Means "I agree with your point strongly."	
to hitch a ride	to receive free transportation from a driver	the driver is usually going the same way
to hang out	to socialize with in a casual way	
That sounds like a blast.	That sounds really fun.	often used sarcastically (as in this dialogue)
to jam	to play musical instruments casually in a group	
to slave away	to work very hard	
to have one's eyes on somebody	to be watching someone closely in hopes of attracting this person romantically	Can also mean to watch someone closely to make sure that person isn't doing something wrong.
to not get one's hopes up	to not be too hopeful in case something doesn't work out in the future	





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Dialogue

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Fill in the blanks with words from the vocabulary list.

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Melanie: Kate. I can't believe I finally you! You're i your room when I call.	never in	
Kate: You can that again. If I'm not in class or the lib at work.	orary, I'm	
Melanie: My brother is heading down your way for the weeken said I could hitch	nd. He	
Kate: This weekend? I have my first exam on Monday and I hawork Friday night and Saturday afternoon.	ave to	
Melanie: So I guess that means you don't want me to visit.		
Kate: I just don't know how much fun you're going to have. Yo friends.	ou could alwaysout with my school	
Melanie: I want to hang with <i>you</i> Kate. How come you have all me?	l of this time for your new friends but none for	
Kate: It's just a hectic weekend, Mel, but you should still come You can help me study for my poetry exam.	e. We can hang out on Saturday night after I work	
Melanie: That sounds like a		
Kate: Don't be like that Mel. My friend Rick will look after you. You can listen to his band jam on Friday night while I slave away at the restaurant.	Comprehension Questions ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐ ☐	
Melanie: Rick? Who's Rick? Is there something you're not	2. How would Melanie get to Kate's school?	
telling me?	3. True or False? Kate hasn't made any friends at school yet.	
Kate: He's just a guy on the floor below me who borrows my laptop sometimes. He bakes cookies in his toaster oven.	원. What does Kate call her best friend for short?	
Melanie: Sounds serious.	5. What does Melanie mean when she says "That	
Kate: It's not what you think. I do have my eyes on a guy from work, though. His name's Jason.	sounds like a blast."? 6. Who is Rick?	
Melanie: Oh yeah, I forgot you're a working woman now. Are you dating this Jason dude?	7. Who is Jason?8. What is Kate waiting for?	
Kate: Not exactly. He said he would call his week, but I'm		







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Vocabulary Match N

Match the words on the left to the related words or phrases on the right.

- 1. to hang out
- 2. to slave away
- 3. to jam
- 4. to reach someone
- 5. to have one's eyes on
- 6. sarcastic
- 7. a blast
- 8. to get one's hopes up

- a. to work very hard
- b. to visit with (informal)
- c. meaning the opposite of what you say
- d. to play instruments with others casually)
- e. to be interested in someone
- f. to get ahold of (by phone)
- g. a great time
- h. to get excited too early



My Life ☑

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

- 1. Do people find it difficult to reach you or are you always handy?
- 2. Who do you like to hang out with and why?
- 3. What are you often slaving away at?
- 4. What qualities are important in a best friend?
- 5. When was the last time you got your hopes up for something? Did your dream come true?

Vocabulary Groupings **№**

Circle the word that doesn't belong in each group.

- 1. reach / call / contact / hope
- 2. fun / exciting / a blast / jam
- 3. visit / hang out / slave away / socialize
- 4. have one's eyes on / interested in / have a crush on / dude
- 5. work hard / reach someone / slave away / labor
- 6. jam / play music / hectic / band









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Vocabulary review \(\) Read the sentence and choose the correct response.

- 1. It's really hot outside.
- a) You can say that again. b) That sounds like a blast. c) I have my eyes on it.
- 2. I don't really want to take the bus.
- a) Let's jam. b) I have my eyes on you. c) You could hitch a ride with me.
- 3. Don't worry, you'll get the job.
- a) Sure, I'll hitch a ride. b) I'm trying not to get my hopes up. c) Yes, I finally reached them.
- 4. I'm going on vacation next weekend.
- a) Nice! I'll be slaving away at work. b) Make sure to have it handy. c) I can hang out next weekend.
- 5. Are you interested in any of the guys at school?
- a) You could say I have my eyes on someone. b) I've been trying to reach him. c) Rick, who's Rick?
- 6. Let's jam together on Friday night.
- a) That sounds like a blast! b) I was slaving away. c) I had my hopes up.



Recognizing Sarcasm

English learners often take things too literal. In other words, learners think that other people mean exactly what they say. Many English speakers use sarcasm on a regular basis. A sarcastic remark usually means the exact opposite of a sincere remark. To understand whether a person is sincere or sarcastic, you need to watch body language and listen for tone.

Listen to your teacher say each phrase in a sarcastic and a sincere way. Then practice the phrases yourself.

Sarcastic sneer, snicker, roll eyes, shake head, make the important word longer, used when the opposite makes more sense in context	Sincere smile genuinely, smile with your eyes, tone of voice goes up, used logically,
That sounds like a blast.	That sounds like a blast.
Thanks a lot!	Thanks a lot!
That shirt is really nice.	That shirt is really nice.
Friendly dog you've got.	Friendly dog you've got.