


Preview

In Episode 9, Kate spoke to a counsellor about her marks. Kate realized that she needs to concentrate on school more. She does not want to fail her courses and she does not want to drop out. In this episode, Kate discusses school with Jason. Will he go back to school in September?

Pre-reading Vocabulary List 

Word	Definition	Notes / Translation
folks	parents	folks can also refer to adults in general A waitress may say, "Hi folks. Can I get you a drink?"
blonde	a female with light colored hair	blond (without e) is usually used for males with light hair
to get one's head on straight	to focus on what truly matters	
thrilled	very excited	
to be going through a lot	to have many worries and responsibilities	
to change one's mind	to make a change in one's decision	
pumped	very excited about something that will happen in the future	
to live for the moment	to focus on and enjoy the present time; to not worry about the past or future	
Whatever happens, happens.	any outcome will be okay (it is out of my control)	
ambition	an inner drive to succeed	
splitting up	ending a romantic relationship	
to be official	to really be happening (rather than just talking about its possibility of happening)	

Did you Know?

So + pronoun + say(s) is a way of expressing a bit of doubt (or surprise) towards a claim by another person.

A: Is Kate really dating Jason?

OR A: Are Kate and Jason really just friends?

B: **So she says.**

B: **So they say.**

Dialogue 

Fill in the blanks with words from the vocabulary list.

Jason: I'm so glad you agreed to come home with me next weekend. My **folks** are going to love you.

Kate: What makes you say that? Do they have a thing for **blondes**?

Jason: Very funny. It's just that I've never really dated a university student before. My parents always hoped I'd **get my _____ on straight** and go back to school.

Kate: But I thought you said you're going to apply to college next year. They must be **thrilled** about that.

Jason: To be honest, I haven't actually told them. They're **going _____ a lot** right now. I don't want to upset them if I **change my _____** over the summer.

Kate: Why would you change your mind? You said you were really _____ about going back to school.

Jason: I am. But you never know. September is a long way away. Anything could happen. I could win the lottery or something.

Kate: Now you're dreaming.

Jason: You know me. I like to **live for the _____**.
Whatever _____, happens.

Kate: Sometimes it's good to plan ahead, Jason. We all need to have goals.

Jason: And what are your goals, Blondie? Are you going to save the world, or just me?

Kate: I just want to pull up my marks so I can change my major. I think I'd be really good at marketing.

Jason: Do you really need a class to teach you how to sell something? You sold me, remember?

Kate: You know how I feel about school, Jason. It's pretty hard to get anywhere in life without a degree of some sort.

Jason: So you say. I just never want to be married to a job. Speaking of married, did I tell you my parents are _____ **up**?

Kate: Yes, I'm really sorry. Is it _____ now?

**Comprehension Questions**

1. When is Kate going to meet Jason's parents?
2. What does Jason say about his parents' dream for him?
3. What might Jason change his mind about?
4. What does Jason mean by "I like to live for the moment"?
5. What are Kate's goals?
6. Why does Kate think Jason should get a degree of some sort?
7. What does Jason say about his parents at the end of the conversation?

Vocabulary Review

Read the sentence and choose the correct response.

1. Marni is going through a lot right now.

a) Yes, I heard she lost her job. b) It hasn't arrived yet. c) Sorry, right now I'm busy.

2. Have you changed your mind about coming for dinner?

a) Hamburgers or hotdogs. b) No, I'll be there. Around seven, right?

c) That's okay; I just ate.

3. You must be happy to be going on vacation.

a) I'll get my head on straight soon. b) Whatever happens, happens. c) I'm thrilled!

4. Where are you going this weekend?

a). Please, don't change your mind. b) Yes, I'm pumped about it.

c) I'm going to visit my folks.

5. What are your plans for the future?

a) I prefer to live in the moment. b) I'm afraid they're splitting up. c) It's official!

6. Your sister is a red head isn't she?

a) Whatever happens, happens. b). No she's a blonde. c) She prefers to wear pink.

My Life

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

1. What expectations do your parents or family members have of you?

2. Describe something that you changed your mind about recently.

3. Do you typically live in the moment or do you prefer to plan for the future?

4. Describe someone you know who is married to his or her job.

5. Is divorce common in your culture? Why or why not?

Vocabulary Groupings

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

1. blonde / brunette / red head / blue

2. pumped / thrilled / splitting up / excited

3. split up / live up / break up / divorce

4. adults / folks / pets / parents

5. official / fact / thrill / for real

