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Episode 13: Cramming for Exams



Preview

In Episode 12, Kate had a chat with her own mom. She admitted that her marks had slipped and that she wanted to quit her job. Kate's mom said her dad might be able to give her some money. He just got a holiday bonus. In this episode, Kate and her friend Rick are trying to study. Kate has a lot on her mind.

Pre-reading Vocabulary List **№**

Word	Definition	Notes / Translation
to ace	to do very well (academically)	
to owe you one	to have to return a favor for someone as payment or appreciation for a favor done	
hooked up	got together	
to cram	to study lots of material in a short amount of time	
It's all Greek to me	I don't understand it at all.	
moral support	emotional assistance for those facing problems	
bombed	did very badly; failed	
did someone in	caused someone's loss or failure	
in case you haven't noticed	a sarcastic expression reminding the other person of an obvious situation	
blasted	played very loudly	
blew up	showed sudden anger	
under pressure	experiencing stress due a difficult situation, such as not having enough time to complete something	

Quiz: Is it a Verb or a Noun?

Just like the word "test," the word "quiz" can be used as a verb or a noun:

1. Can you quiz me on this week's vocabulary? (verb)

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2. I have a vocabulary quiz tomorrow. (noun)

Note: Be careful of the spelling of the plural form of quiz. The word "quizzes" has two z's. Say that word ten times in a row.





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Dialogue

Fill in the blanks with words from the vocabulary list.

Kate: Thanks for agreeing to study with me. I need to pass the exams. Actually I need to do more than pass them. I need to them.	se
Rick: No problem, Katie. I think I owe	
Kate: Huh? Oh you mean Melanie. I can't believe you two up that weekend. I barely even saw her I was so	busy.
Rick: Mel's a great girl. I can see why she's your best friend. I' going down to see her next weekend if you want to hitch a ride	
Kate: I wish! I need to for these exams. Come or	n! Quiz me on the notes I just gave you.
Rick: Quiz you? This Shakespeare stuff is to me	e. I thought you just wanted me here for
Kate: I need you to ask me questions about those four plays. I	thought you said you took Shakespeare last year?
Rick: I did, but I it. I was doing okay at the start	t of the semester, but the final exam did
Kate: Don't tell me that! If I want to pass I need to	
understand the plot, characters, and theme of each play.	Comprehension Questions ☑
Rick: Look, why don't you just go online and memorize some essays or something.	L Why does Rick say he "owes Kate one"?
Kate: That's cheating, Rick! I'm serious about school in	2. Why can't Kate go with Rick to visit Melanie next weekend?
Rick: Hey don't get mad at me. You're the one who	3. True or False? Rick aced his Shakespeare final last year.
the music and called for take-out pizza.	ቆ. What are Rick and Kate having for dinner?
Kate: Sorry I a lot of right now. I just quit my job and I'm worried	5. What did Kate do just before this conversation?
about what Jason is going to say.	®₀ Why is Kate worried?
Rick: If Jason cares about you, he'll know you did the right thing.	7. Who is Kate expecting a call from and why?

Kate: Well, he's working tonight, so I'm sure he knows by

now. The phone will be ringing any second now.



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Vocabulary Mix Up №

The vocabulary words are used in the wrong sentences. Draw arrows from each bold word to the sentence where it belongs.

- 1. I have to **owe** for my exam this weekend. I've only read the first of ten chapters.
- 2. Thanks for picking me up from school. I moral you one.
- 3. She sometimes calls her mom for **cram** support.
- 4. They were the **pressure** music so loud that I couldn't study.
- 5. I've been studying for hours, in case you hadn't **blasting**.
- 6. I've been under a lot of **bombed** at work these days.
- 7. He thought he aced the test but he actually **noticed** it.



Vocabulary Psychic - Pair Activity

Take turns "thinking about" a word or phrase from the word list. Your partner must guess which word you are thinking about by asking yes or no questions. You may only nod your head up or down or shake your head side to side. Your partner can only guess 3 times until you tell him or her the word you are thinking about.

Types of questions to ask:

Is it a noun? Is it a word or phrase? Is it something Kate said? Is it something Rick said? Is it related to studying? Does it start with a B?

My Life ☑

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

- ln How do you feel when your friend dates
- 2. What is your favorite type of take-out food and why?
- 3. Give an example of when your or a classmate cheated on school work.
- Do you like studying for exams with friends or do you prefer to study alone? Explain.
- 5. Do you avoid phone calls often? Who do you avoid and why?







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Vocabulary Review

Antonyms **N**

Match the word on the left to the opposite on the right.

- 1. It's all Greek to me.
- a. remained calm

2. blew up

b. broke up

3. ace

- c. I understand clearly.
- 4. hooked up
- d. helped someone out e. bomb
- 5. did someone in

Jason and Kate are on a different page.



Group Discussion I

Who doesn't want to talk about pizza? Discuss these questions with a partner or small group.

- 1. Why do students often order take-out pizza?
- 2. What ingredients taste best on pizza?
- 3. What ingredients would NOT taste good on pizza?
- 4. Is pizza a nutritious meal?
- 5. Which beverage goes best with pizza?
- 6. What types of options do you have when ordering a pizza?



