


**Preview**

In Episode 13, Kate and Rick tried to have a study session. They got busy eating pizza and talking about Kate's problems. In this episode Kate receives the call she was worried about. Will Jason forgive her for quitting her job?

**Pre-reading Vocabulary List** 

Word	Definition	Notes / Translation
<b>to talk someone out of something</b>	to convince a person NOT to do something	
<b>Where does this leave me?</b>	A question that is used when a person feels left out of a situation.	
<b>to blow something out of proportion</b>	to act as if a situation is worse than it is	also "to make a big deal out of something"
<b>to get one's priorities straight</b>	to give the most important thing the most attention or time	
<b>to slack off</b>	to become lazy	
<b>to be fed up with something</b>	to be frustrated with something that is continuing to happen	
<b>to say it like it is</b>	to be honest and straight forward	People sometimes say, "Don't beat around the bush."
<b>a spare room</b>	an extra room that is not needed for a bedroom; often used for guests	
<b>on the same page</b>	feeling the same way; in agreement	
<b>wrapped up in</b>	very busy with something that you have no time for something else	also "engrossed"
<b>to juggle one's time</b>	to try to balance many aspects of life, such as work, family, and social life	

**I can't believe it!**

This is a very common phrase in English. Don't take it literally. In other words, a friend may be surprised about something, but it doesn't mean she really doesn't believe it. You can also use this phrase in question form:

A: Can you believe Kate quit her job?

B: No, I can't believe it!

Does B believe it? Yes, but both A and B are surprised by the news.

**Dialogue** 

Fill in the blanks with words from the vocabulary list.

**Jason:** I can't believe you just quit without telling me first. What else aren't you telling me?

**Kate:** I just didn't want you to try to \_\_\_\_\_ me out of it.

**Jason:** So where does this leave you and me? Am I ever going to see you again?

**Kate:** You're \_\_\_\_\_ this **out of proportion** Jason. Quitting my job has nothing to do with you. I just need to get my \_\_\_\_\_ **straight**.

**Jason:** Am I one of those priorities? I'm getting a bit **fed up** with you having to study all of the time.

**Kate:** Look, I have to put school first. I can't afford to \_\_\_\_\_ anymore.

**Jason:** Well if you aren't going to have any time for me, just **say it like it is**.

**Kate:** I'll have more time to hang out in the summer, Jason.

**Jason:** In the summer you'll be moving back home with your parents. You'll need to get a job and save money for next year.

**Kate:** True, but you can come and visit any time. My mom already said you could stay in the \_\_\_\_\_ **room**.

**Jason:** I just don't think we're on the same page, Kate. My life is all about working and having fun. You're all \_\_\_\_\_ school.

**Kate:** What about you? You're still planning on going to college in September, aren't you?

**Jason:** After watching you try to \_\_\_\_\_ **your time**, I don't think so. To be honest, I'm thinking more and more about Italy.

**Kate:** Italy? What are you going to do there? Serve pizzas?

**Jason:** Sure, why not. There's nothing keeping me here now, is there? (*Jason hangs up on Kate.*)

**Comprehension Questions** ☒

1. Why is Jason angry at Kate?
2. What does Kate say she has to put first?
3. True or False? Kate says she will not have time to hang out with Jason in the summer.
4. What does Jason think Kate will be doing all summer?
5. Why does Jason say he might not go to college?
6. Where might Jason go instead of college?
7. What happened at the end of the conversation?

**Vocabulary Gap** 

Fill in the blanks with words from the vocabulary chart on the first page.

- When you sleep over this weekend you can sleep in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's difficult to \_\_\_\_\_ my time between work and school.
- My mother tried to \_\_\_\_\_ me out of ditching my English class.
- I must not \_\_\_\_\_ today. I have an exam tomorrow.
- You're moving to New York? Where does that \_\_\_\_\_ me?
- You'll need to get your \_\_\_\_\_ if you want to pass this course.


**My Life** ☒

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

- Have you ever quit a job? If yes, how did you feel after? If no, how do you think it feels to quit a job?
- Do you have your priorities straight right now? Explain.
- Who do you like to hang out with in the summer? Why is this a fun person to be with?
- Have you ever taken time off from school or work to travel?
- What do you wish you had more time for?

**Vocabulary Response**

Read the sentence to a partner. Then read out the optional responses. Which one is correct? Take turns reading and guessing.

- What did your dad say when you told him you were quitting school?
  - Take the spare room.
  - He's wrapped up in it.
  - He tried to talk me out of it.
- Things just aren't working out between us.
  - We're not on the same page.
  - They were slacking off.
  - Yes, I put work first.
- Just say it like it is.
  - They say that all of the time.
  - That's not what I said.
  - Fine. I want to break up with you.
- You need to get your priorities straight.
  - True. School must come first.
  - Are you having trouble juggling your time?
  - Don't slack off again.
- I haven't seen your brother in a while.
  - Where does this leave me?
  - He's wrapped up in school these days.
  - Let's go out for a while.
- My teacher hates me.
  - You're blowing things out of proportion.
  - Why are you so wrapped up in that book?
  - Where does that leave him?

**Vocabulary Groupings** 

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

1. prioritize / put something first / spare
2. on the same page / in agreement / wrapped up in
3. juggle one's time / find a balance / blow out of proportion
4. talk someone out of / say it like it is / tell someone straight
5. slack off / become lazy / leave someone out

**Stay Tuned: Episode #15**  
 First year comes to an end. Will Kate  
 return to university for a second year?

**Group Discussion** ☒

*Kate wants to graduate from university. Jason wants to travel. Discuss the Pros and Cons of traveling and going to post-secondary education after high school.*

Traveling		Attending Post-Secondary School	
Pros	Cons	Pros	Cons