

# FIRST YEAR 🔌

Episode 15: Just Squeaking By



#### **Preview**

In Episode 14, Jason and Kate had a fight on the phone. Jason was mad that Kate didn't tell him she was quitting her job. He told her he was probably going to go to Italy in September. In the final episode of First Year Kate goes home for the summer. She reunites with Melanie and hears some exciting news.

## Pre-reading Vocabulary List **N**

Word	Definition	Notes / Translation
to make it up to someone	to do something nice or helpful for someone after disappointing or causing them trouble	
out of the picture	not in one's life anymore	
to hit it off	to get along with a new person very well	
to NOT see something coming	to not expect something	
got word	found out (via phone, email, another person)	
to get in	to be accepted or admitted into something	
to have no idea	to not know anything about something	
to put someone up to something	to convince someone to do something	
to drive someone crazy	to annoy another person in a strong way	
to just squeak by	to pass by a very small amount; to almost fail	
a fresh start	a new beginning	
to be worth it	to receive value or reward from hard work	also "to pay off"
to keep your fingers crossed	to hope that something will happen	this is a "superstition" about good luck
roomies	short for "roommates"	remember that "roommates" has two m's





Maybe we can even be roomies.

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## Dialogue N

Fill in the blanks with words from the vocabulary list.

<b>Melanie:</b> I'm so glad you're home for the summer, Kate. I really m you! Sorry to hear about you and Jason.	issed
Kate: Thanks. Sorry I didn't make more time for you last year. I promake it this summer. It will be easier now that Jason of the	
<b>Melanie:</b> No worries. Besides, if you hadn't gone away to school, I wouldn't have met Rick.	
Kate: I'm so glad you two I, but h for you.	ne's perfect
Melanie: So guess what? I have some big news.	
Kate: Please don't tell me you and Rick are moving in together alre	ady.
<b>Melanie:</b> No silly. I applied to your university over the summer an going to be study buddies!	nd I just <b>got word</b> that Iin! We're
Kate: Are you serious? I you were even applying!	How did you keep this from me?
Melanie: I didn't want to tell you in case I didn't get in. My accept even told Rick yet.	ance letter just arrived a few minutes ago. I haven't
Kate: Speaking of Rick did he put you? I know it him that he only got to	Comprehension Questions ☑
see you on the weekends.	1. What promise does Kate make to Melanie?
Melanie: Well, he may have had something to do with it. But, truthfully I was inspired by how hard you worked to pull up your marks at the end of the year.	2. Why is Melanie thankful that Kate went away to school?
<b>Kate:</b> Well, I only just I'm praying my grades will be good enough to change my major for next year.	3. True or False? Melanie and Rick are moving in together.
	4. What did Melanie just find out?
Melanie: It's too bad you'll have to start all over again. At least it will be	<b>5.</b> What inspired Melanie to apply to university?
Kate: It was all now that I know what I want to	6. Why does Kate have her fingers crossed?
study. <b>Keep your</b> that I get in to the marketing program.	7. What does Melanie say that she and Kate could do in September?
Melanie: It will be like we're both in first year in September!	



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## Vocabulary Gap **N**

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

1.	If you get an A on your final exam you will just		
	this course.		
2.	I hope you hit it off with your new		
3.	Sorry I missed your birthday. I promise I'll		
	to you.		
4.	. This year was a lot of work, but it will be		
	when you get a good job.		
5.	You flunked your course? I didn't see that		
6.	It drives when you bite your nails like that.		
7.	I'm surprised to hear that Carl is out I thought		
	you were going to marry him!		



#### Hot Seat - Group Game

#### Instructions:

- 1. Form two groups of equal size.
- 2. Place two chairs at the front of the class facing away from the board.
- 3. Choose one member from each side to sit in the hot seats.
- 4. Your teacher will write one word or phrase from the vocabulary chart on the wall. (Students in the hot seat must not look at the board.)
- 5. When your teacher says "Go" try to get the student on your team to guess the word or phrase correctly. The first student to guess correctly gets a point for his or her team.
- 6. Another student from each team goes into the hot seat. Your teacher puts another word or phrase on the board.
- 7. Play until all students have had a chance to be in the hot seat at least once! (Review words and phrases from previous episodes as well.)

### My Life ☑

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

- 1. Which friend or family do you really miss right now? Why?
- 2. Describe a person who is no longer in your life. Why is he or she out of the picture?
- 3. Who is your #1 study buddy? Why?
- 4. Who inspires you to do well in school? Why is this person inspiring?
- **5.** Do you currently have your fingers crossed about something? Explain.





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## **Vocabulary Review**

## Synonyms N

Match the phrase on the left to the similar phrase on the right.

- 1. to hit it off
- a. a new beginning
- 2. to not see something coming
  - b. to be accepted
- 3. a fresh start
- c. to have no idea

4. to get in

- d. hope for the best
- 5. keep your fingers crossed
- e. to get along well

6. got word

f. found out

What do you think will happen in second year? Will Kate and Melanie be roommates? Will Melanie and Rick stay together? Will Kate get into the course she wants? What about Jason? Is he really out of the picture?



### **Group Discussion** 🗵

Discuss Kate's first year of university. What went wrong? What lessons did Kate learn?

What went wrong?	What lesson(s) was learned?
Finances:	
Love life:	
School:	
Friendship:	

