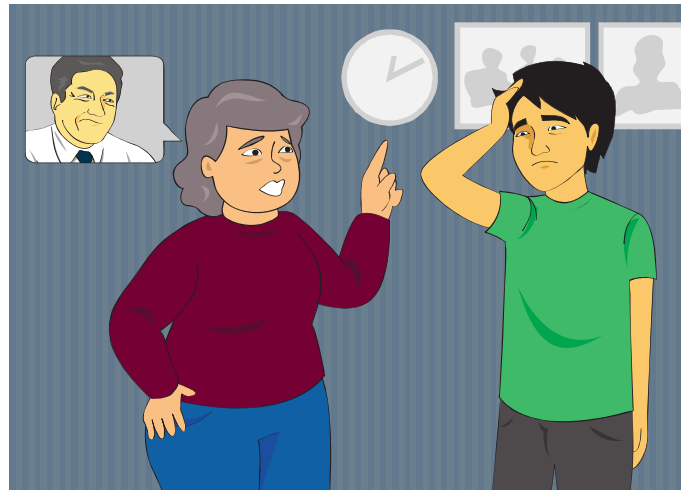


Warm-Up

Stand up and chat with a bunch of different classmates.

1. What nicknames do you or your friends have for your fathers?
2. Think about a time when you had a sudden realization about a good way to learn English. What did you realize?
3. Are you a person who worries a lot? What or who do you worry about most?
4. When is the last time you got really angry about something? Did you say something that you regretted?



Vocabulary Preview

A. Idioms and Expressions

Your teacher will give each student one or more strips of paper. Your strip(s) will have an English idiom/expression OR a definition for an idiom/expression. Try to find the student that has your match. When all of the matches have been found, read the strips out loud to see if they all make sense.



B. Matching

Match these words to their correct definitions.

- | | |
|---|--|
| _____ 1. worried sick | a) in a long time |
| _____ 2. What's the big deal? | b) very concerned |
| _____ 3. in ages | c) a realization that something needs to change |
| _____ 4. wake-up call | d) to do or say something because you care (though it might seem the opposite) |
| _____ 5. go behind one's back | e) one's father |
| _____ 6. speaking of | f) What's so important about this? |
| _____ 7. fly off the handle | g) to do something secretly so that another person doesn't find out |
| _____ 8. have one's best interests at heart | h) to have an outburst of anger |
| _____ 9. old man | i) on that topic |
| _____ 10. keep an eye on | j) to keep under careful observation |

The Big Deal: Introduction

In the sixteenth episode of *Moving to New York*, Eugene chats with his homestay mom. He is not pleased with how she is treating him. She is worried that he doesn't have his priorities right.



Mrs. Case



Eugene

Listening – Gap Fill

Fill in the gaps as you listen. Then read the dialogue with your partner a few times. Take turns being each character. Practice your intonation and pronunciation. *Underline or highlight any new words or phrases that you don't understand.*



Home awfully late, aren't you? I was _____ .



I was just watching a movie with my buddy Carlos.



It's after midnight. You were supposed to be out for dinner.



There was a change of plans. _____ ?



You have school in the morning!



Mrs. Lynn says movies are great for English practice.



I haven't seen you open a book _____ , Eugene.



Let's just say I had a _____ .



Oh really? _____ calls, I talked to your father yesterday.



My _____ called?



Actually, I called him. He asked me to _____ you.



I can't believe you two _____ !



Don't _____ . We both _____ .

Listen Again – Put in Order














Listen to the dialogue again and put the sentences into the correct order by numbering them.



Mrs. Case



Eugene

- _____  My **old man** called?
- _____  Don't **fly off the handle**. We both **have your best interests at heart**.
- _____  Home awfully late, aren't you? I was **worried sick**.
- _____  It's after midnight. You were supposed to be out for dinner.
- _____  There was a change of plans. **What's the big deal?**
- _____  Let's just say I had a **wake-up call**.
- _____  I can't believe you two **went behind my back!**
- _____  I was just watching a movie with my buddy Carlos.
- _____  You have school in the morning!
- _____  Mrs. Lynn says movies are great for English practice.
- _____  I haven't seen you open a book **in ages**, Eugene.
- _____  Oh really? **Speaking of** calls, I talked to your father yesterday.
- _____  Actually, I called him. He asked me to **keep an eye on** you.

Making Predictions

In the next episode, Eugene meets a girl.
What do you think will happen? Make two predictions.
Discuss your predictions with a partner.

Hint: The title of the next episode is "Say Cheese."

1. _____
2. _____

- I *think* Eugene *will* be too shy to talk to her.
- I *bet* Eugene *will* introduce her to Carlos.

Comprehension Questions

Answer and discuss these questions in pairs or as a class.

1. How do each of the speakers feel during this conversation?

2. What concerns does Eugene's homestay mom have?

3. What does Eugene mean when he says, "I can't believe you two went behind my back"?

4. What does Eugene imply about his methods of learning English?

5. What reason did Eugene's homestay mom give for calling Eugene's dad?

Vocabulary Review

Substitute the idiom or expression with another word or phrase.

1. It's just a scratch. What's _____?
(the big deal)
2. I haven't been to a movie _____.
(in ages)
3. He's not a true friend if he _____.
(talks behind your back)
4. They had to move Grandma to a nursing home. They _____.
(had her best interests at heart)
5. Can you _____ the dog? I have to take the garbage out.
(keep an eye on)

Spoken English

FRAGMENTS ARE NO BIG DEAL

A fragment is a piece of a whole. A fragmented sentence is a sentence that is missing some important parts. The missing parts may be the subject and the verb! Fragmented sentences are common in everyday spoken English. Practice the examples below out loud with your classmates.

Note:

Do not use incomplete sentences in written English unless you are writing a dialogue.

#	Full Sentence	Fragmented Sentence
1	You are home awfully late, aren't you?	Home awfully late, aren't you?
2	Have you had enough dinner?	Had enough?
3	Are you still there?	You still there? / Still there?
4	Did you learn anything?	Learn anything?
5	Do you need anything?	Need anything?
6	I'll be back in a second.	Back in a sec.

Write Your Own Dialogue

In your notebook, write a *new* dialogue with a partner. Use idioms and expressions from page 1. Use the same subject (“**What’s the Big Deal?**”) but make it an argument between two celebrities. Practice and present the dialogue to your class.

Write a Letter

Write a letter telling a friend or family member that you had a “wake-up call.” Tell them what happened and what you’re going to change. If possible, try to use a few idioms that you learned from this episode. Write your letter in your notebook or type it on the computer and share it with your teacher.

Keywords

Write your own example sentences using the idioms and expressions you've learned.

What's the big deal?	
in ages	
wake-up call	
go behind one's back	
have one's best interests at heart	
fly off the handle	
keep an eye on someone	
worried sick	
speaking of	
old man	

Role-Play

DON'T FLY OFF THE HANDLE!

Work with a partner and role-play the following scenarios.
Student B has just discovered what Student A did. Student B (a relative, friend, etc.) is very angry! Student A thinks it's not a big deal.

SCENARIOS FOR STUDENT A

- you crashed into your sibling's car
- you forgot to do your homework
- you ate the last cookie
- you erased an important phone message
- you forgot to call your grandma for her birthday
- you sat on your friend's phone
- you went on a date with your best friend's ex
- you slept in and missed an exam

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

Student A

- Don't fly off the handle!
- What's the big deal?
- I didn't mean to.
- I'll make it up to you.

Student B

- I can't believe you did this.
- I thought I could trust you.
- You wrecked it!
- You're so irresponsible!

Dialogue Transcript

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Mrs. Case



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