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1. THE PILOT

Vocabulary Slang Grammar Listening Speaking

BEFORE WATCHING

Make sure you know these words and expressions

1. a date
2. to date smb
3. go on a date
(to have a date)
4. ask smb out
5. turn smb on/off
6. hit on smb
7. it hit me
8. freak out
9. hang out
10. have a crush on smb
11. move in/out
12. It sucks
13. be up to smth

1. свидание
2. встречаться
3. идти на свидание
4. пригласить на свидание
5. вызывать (сексуальное) желание, возбуждать/терять желание
6. клеиться к к-т
7. я поняла (слэнг)
8. беситься, сходить с ума, волновать
9. тусоваться
10. быть влюбленным в к-т
11. въехать / выехать
12. отстой
13. что-то задумывать, намереваться ч-т сделать

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1. Match the definitions with the new words.

1. to invite someone to go out on a date
- 2 . MAINLY AMERICAN VERY INFORMAL to be very bad, very annoying etc
3. an arrangement to meet someone who you are having or starting a sexual or romantic relationship with
4. to make someone feel sexually attracted or sexually excited/to stop someone feeling sexually attracted or sexually excited
5. someone who you have arranged to meet as part of a sexual or romantic relationship
6. MAINLY AMERICAN INFORMAL to try to start a conversation with someone because you are sexually attracted to them
7. At that moment, I finally understood
8. to have a romantic relationship
9. INFORMAL to spend time in a particular place or with particular people
10. have infatuation with someone
11. to become or make you become so angry, surprised, excited, or frightened that you cannot control yourself
12. to start living in a different house or flat/permanently to leave the house or flat where you live
13. doing something wrong or secret

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2. Paraphrase the words in italics using the new words

1. It's really *annoying*.
2. We usually *spend time* in the club on Saturdays.
3. I know that you're *planning something in secret*.
4. I think that *you really like him*.
5. He is too shy *to invite her on a date*.
6. Does she *have a relationship* with him?
7. Has he *started living in his new apartment*?
8. Does he *attract* you?

Tense review

3. Say the sentences in a different tense.

Present Simple ⇌ Past Simple

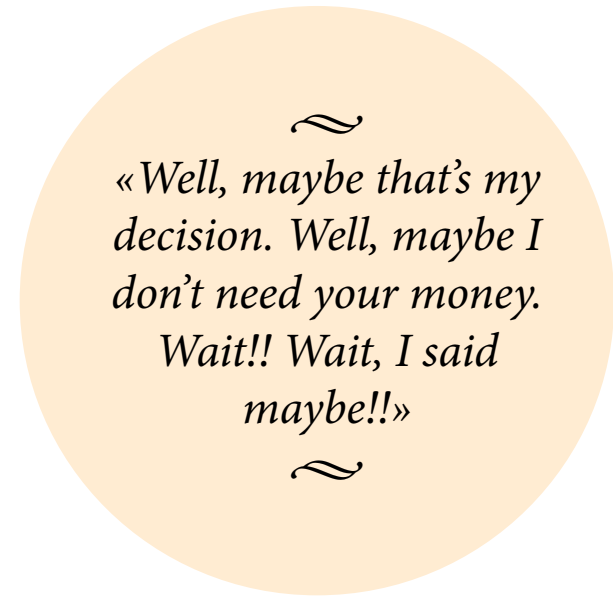
He never asks me out
 What makes her freak out?
 They usually hang out in the park.
 I know you are up to something.

Present Simple ⇌ Present Perfect

I have a crush on you.
for as long as I remember

Present Continuous ⇌ Present Perfect

She is moving out today
today.



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4. Read and translate a joke from the episode. Use a dictionary, if necessary. If you fail to understand any part of the joke, prepare questions for your teacher.

MONICA: So you wanna tell us now, or are we waiting for four wet bridesmaids?

RACHEL: Oh God... well, it started about a half hour before the wedding. I was in the room where we were keeping all the presents, and I was looking at this gravy boat. This really gorgeous Lamauge gravy boat.

When all of a sudden- (TO WAITRESS, WHO HAS BROUGHT HER COFFEE) Sweet ‘n’ Lo?- I realised that I was more turned on by this gravy boat than by Barry! And then I got really freaked out, and that’s when it hit me: how much Barry looks like Mr. Potato Head.

Y’know, I mean, he always looked familiar, but...

Anyway, I just had to get out of there, and I started wondering ‘Why am I doing this, and who am I doing this for?’. (TO MONICA) So anyway I just didn’t know where to go, and I

know that you and I have kinda drifted apart, but you’re the only person I knew who lived here in the city.

MONICA: Who wasn’t invited to the wedding.

RACHEL: Ooh, I was kinda hoping that wouldn’t be an issue...

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5. Watch the scene at Monica's apartment (minute 24:31) and write down the missing words.

(THE GANG AT MONICA + RACHEL'S, SITTING ROUND A TABLE. ON THE TABLE ARE RACHEL'S CREDIT CARDS AND A PAIR OF SCISSORS)

MONICA: C'mon, you can't live off _____ your whole life.

RACHEL: I know that. That's why I was _____.

PHOEBE: Give her a break, it's hard being on your own for the _____.

RACHEL: Thank you.

PHOEBE: You're welcome. I remember when I first came to this city. I was _____. My mom had just killed herself and my stepdad was back in _____, and I got here, and I didn't know anybody. And I ended up living with this albino guy who was, like, _____ outside Port Authority, and then he killed himself, and then I found aromatherapy. So believe me, I know exactly how you feel.

ROSS: The word _____ is 'Anyway'...

MONICA: You ready?

RACHEL: I don't think so.

ROSS: C'mon, cut. Cut, cut, cut,...

ALL: Cut, cut, cut, cut, cut, cut, cut, cut...

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6. Comprehension questions.

1. What was Monica excited about?
2. Why was Ross so upset?
3. Why did Rachel run away from her wedding?
4. How did Ross feel about Rachel in high school?
5. What advice did Joey give to Ross? Did Ross follow it?

7. Choose two jokes that you liked or you want to understand better and be ready to quote them in class. Use this website (<http://friends.crissov.de/transcripts/101>) to find a full transcript of the episode.

8. Choose two funny situations from the episode and be ready to describe them.

9. Choose one of the following topics and be ready to tell a story from your personal experience.

- ✓ a wedding
- ✓ a divorce
- ✓ an usual/romantic/disastrous date

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