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Episode 14: The parking lot

Worksheet

The story so far

Katie's ex-boyfriend from England turned up in the club where she works. He was very aggressive and Rich had to throw him out. Katie is feeling really upset and Rich accompanies her to the parking lot of the club.



Listening

- Listen to the episode once and decide if these statements are true or false. Correct the false ones.
 - a) Rich thinks Mark will come back to the club later.
 - b) Rich doesn't blame Katie for what has happened.
 - c) Katie wonders if she has made the right decision by coming to Los Angeles.
 - d) Rich believes that Katie made a big mistake by moving to Los Angeles.
 - e) Rich kisses Katie.
- Now listen again. Focus on how Rich tries to console Katie. Fill in the gaps from the first part of the episode.

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	KATIE: Thanks Rich. I'm so sorry.		
	RICH: Hey, babe, You didn't know your crazy ex was going to show up here.	N	
	KATIE: I know but he really wasn't crazy before. In fact he was really sensible.		
	RICH: Well, looks like he was crazy. Crazy for you anyway. KATIE: Mmm.		
	RICH: I'm not surprised.		
	KATIE: What?		
	RICH: Nothing babe?		
KATIE: Yeah, but, you know, maybe I should have just stayed in England			



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Language: Consoling a friend

When your friends are upset you may have to console them by offering support and understanding.

Put these sentences in order to make the beginning of a dialogue between two friends.



Matt	Isabel
a) What? What's happened?	d) You're not going to believe it. I've done something terrible.
b) Hey, what's wrong Isabel? You look really upset.	e) I am Matt. I feel terrible. Something awful has happened.
c) I'm sure it's not that bad. Tell me all about it.	f) Well, yesterday

In pairs, now imagine why Isabel is so upset and complete the dialogue. You can use some of the expressions from listening activity 2, if you want to.

Speaking

- 1) How do you think Katie feels at the end of the episode?
- 2) What do you think is going to happen next between Katie and Rich? Do you think Sal will find out?
- 3) Are you a good listener when your friends have problems?
- 4) When was the last time you consoled a friend?
- 5) What do you think is going to happen in the next episode?



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Transcript

RICH: Hey, hey, don't worry. He's gone and I don't think he'll be coming back to The Red Palace in a hurry.

KATIE: Thanks Rich. I'm so sorry.

RICH: Hey, babe..., it's not your fault. You didn't know your crazy ex was going to show up here.

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RICH: Well, looks like he was crazy. Crazy for you anyway.

KATIE: Mmm.

RICH: I'm not surprised.

KATIE: What?

RICH: Nothing babe. Are you okay?

KATIE: Yeah, but, you know, maybe I should have just stayed in England...

RICH: You did the right thing.

KATIE: I don't know what I'm doing here any more.

RICH: Come on, stop that, come here, you need a hug. Better?

KATIE: Much better, thanks... Oh, I'm so sorry, you must think I'm a total...

RICH: Shhh, I think you're a great girl, just a bit lost... and I think you've taken a brave step, and I think that sooner or later you'll find your feet here.

KATIE: Really ...? You think that?

RICH: I do babe. I really do.

KATIE: I'm so confused...

RICH: Shhhh... come here ...

KATIE: We can't do this, Rich.

RICH: You're upset. I shouldn't have kissed you.

KATIE: No, it's okay.

RICH: You just looked so beautiful. I've wanted to kiss you since...

KATIE: Stop. Just stop... it was nice... but you're... we can't just...

RICH: I know. Come on, the others will be wondering where we are.



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Answers

Listening

- a) False. Rich doesn't think Mark will come back to the club later.
 - b) True.
 - c) True.
 - d) False. Rich believes that Katie will find her feet and settle in soon.
 - e) True.



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b - e - a - d - c - f (students continue the dialogue themselves.)

