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Episode 9: The new job

Worksheet

The story so far

Katie has left her job, her boyfriend and her life in England to live in Los Angeles. She is staying with her cousin, Sal. Sal is trying to get work as an actress and has a rather untrustworthy boyfriend, Rich, who owns a club in the city.

Listening

- 1. Listen to the episode and answer the questions.
- a) Why is Katie unhappy?
- b) What does Rich suggest?
- 2. Listen again. Choose the correct option to complete the sentences:

Sal went to an audition... Katie tells Sal she's happy in LA but... a) she doesn't like Sal's boyfriend

Katie doesn't want...

Rich needs... Rich says that people in LA...

Katie decides...

a) but she didn't get the part

a) to go back to England

a) a new waitress at the club

a) don't like the English

a) to accept the offer

b) and she got the part

b) she doesn't have any money

b) to stay with Sal

b) an actress at the club

b) like the English

b) to refuse the offer

Language: Phrasal verbs

- 1. What did the characters actually say? Rewrite the sentences, using the word provided.
- 1. Katie: Something will become available. **COME** Something will _____
- 2. Katie: You can't let me stay at your place forever. PUT

You can't ___ at your place forever.

3. Sal: She doesn't want to return to England. GO

She doesn't want to ______ to England.

4. Sal: I knew Rich could be useful. HELP

I knew Rich could ______.

5. Rich: It's going be successful in the end. WORK

It's going to _____ in the end.

The phrases in 1 were all examples of phrasal verbs. Write one true sentence of your own for each phrasal verb. Then compare with a partner.



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Speaking

Answer the questions.

- 1. Do you think it's a good idea that Katie takes the job?
- 2. Imagine Katie had this conversation with her parents. What would they say? What would Mark, her ex-boyfriend, say?
- 3. Working as a waitress is a popular job in America for young people, but it usually doesn't pay well. What are popular jobs in your country for young people? Do they pay well?



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Transcript

SAL: Hi! I'm home.

KATIE: Oh, hi Sal. How did the acting audition go?
SAL: Not very well. I don't think I got the part.
KATIE: Oh well, I'm sure something will come up.
SAL: What's wrong with you? You're not looking very

happy.

KATIE: What... oh no, no, nothing. SAL: Come on, Katie. What is it?

KATIE: It's just that... I've been here a month now, and

it's been great. I mean, really great. Everyone is so nice, LA is great. Your friends are great.

SAL: So?

KATIE: I... I haven't got any more money!

SAL: Hey... don't worry.

KATIE: Oh, Sal... but I do worry. You can't put me up at your place forever. And I don't... I really

don't want to go back to England.

SAL: Listen... oh wait, hold on a second.

RICH: Hey baaabe. Hi Katie.

SAL: Hi Rich.

RICH: Whassup with you two lovely ladies? You're looking pretty depressed.

SAL: Katie's running out of money. She doesn't want to go back to England and that horrible

ex-boyfriend.

KATIE: Sal!

SAL: So? It's true.

RICH: Yeah. Yeah! We need a new waitress at the club actually – and I think I know just the

person...

SAL: You see! I knew Rich could help out.

KATIE: I... er... I don't know.

RICH: Hey, you'd be great. Bring some British class into the place. Since Beckham came to LA

everyone is just crazy about the English. And don't worry, I can teach you... everything.

SAL: Isn't that great? Then you can stay with me!

RICH: So, Katie. Whaddaya say? Wanna come and work at my club?

KATIE: Well... okay then.

SAL: Rich, this is great. You're a darling.

RICH: Yeah. It's going to work out... perfectly.





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Answers

Listening

- 1. a) Because she doesn't have enough money to stay.
 - b) That Katie works in his club.
- Sal went to an audition... a) but she didn't get the part
 Katie tells Sal she's happy in LA but... b) she doesn't have
 any money

Katie doesn't want... a) to go back to England
Rich needs... a) a new waitress at the club
Rich says that people in LA... b) like the English
Katie decides... a) to accept the offer



Language: Phrasal verbs

- 1. Something will come up.
- 2. You can't put me up at your place forever.
- 3. She doesn't want to go back to England.
- 4. I knew Rich could help out.
- 5. It's going to work out in the end.