

The Road Less Travelled

Episode 6: Asked on a date

The story so far:

Katie found out that her ex-boyfriend Mark is going back to England with a new girlfriend. Shortly afterwards she received an interesting phone call from Michael. She wants to tell Sal all about her news.



Listening

1. Listen to the episode and put the events in order.

- Katie talks about her upcoming date with Michael.
- Sal offers to lend Katie some clothes (her top).
- Katie tells Sal that Michael phoned.
- Sal remembers her first date with Rich.
- Sal asks Katie what's wrong with Rich.

2. Now listen again and complete the sentences with a suitable word.

- Michael phoned Katie _____ Mark and Candy left the Internet café.
- Katie and Michael are going out together on _____.
- They are going to a Latin American _____.
- After that they are going to an _____.
- On Sal and Rich's first date, Rich took Sal to a club and they _____.
- Sal thinks Rich has been a bit _____ recently.
- Katie suggests that Rich is just busy _____.

Language: Expressing enthusiasm

Language note: *I mean, you mean*

I mean is very common in spoken English. People use it to give more information, clarify or correct something they've said.

Example: *He's been a bit strange recently. I mean, a bit distant.*

We can use *you mean* to check or clarify what someone else has said.

Example: Sal: *Hey, if you want, you can wear my new top on your date.*

Katie: *What? You mean the black and silver one?*

3. Match the two sentences.

This is a complicated problem.

Do you have feelings for her?

Put the papers on the thing over there.

He's got a funny face.

This is a big city.

I mean, on the table.

I mean, it's got a million people.

I mean, it's difficult to understand.

I mean, a nice funny face.

I mean, do you love her?

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Transcript

- SAL: So, Mark's going back to England. With a new girlfriend.
- KATIE: Yeah. Well, I hope he's happy.
- KATIE: Oh, Sal. After Mark and that girl left the Internet café, I got a phone call.
- SAL: Really? Who?
- KATIE: From Michael.
- SAL: Michael? You mean the poet guy?
- KATIE: Yes! And do you know what?
- SAL: What?
- KATIE: We're going out this Friday!
- SAL: No way. That's great Katie. Where are you going?
- KATIE: We're going to a restaurant he knows. I can't remember the name, but it's something Latin American.
- SAL: Really? Are you going to go dancing too?
- KATIE: No, we're going to an art gallery afterwards. There's a kind of party there.
- SAL: Art gallery? Ugh. Boring.
- KATIE: I don't think so. I think it's going to be really interesting.
- SAL: So ... What are you going to wear?
- KATIE: Oh, I don't know. I haven't thought about that yet.
- SAL: Oh, come on. It is a date.
- KATIE: OK, I'll wear something nice but I'm not going to worry like some schoolgirl.
- SAL: Well that's great. It makes me remember Rich. I mean, on our first date.
- KATIE: Oh. Yeah.
- SAL: He took me to a club and we danced all night. It was so much fun.
- KATIE: Yeah? Sounds great.
- SAL: He's been a bit strange though recently. I mean, a bit distant.
- KATIE: Oh.
- SAL: Do you think he's nervous about getting married?
- KATIE: Err. I ... I don't know. Maybe he's just busy at work.
- SAL: Yes, maybe. Has he said anything to you about it?
- KATIE: Um. No. We haven't talked recently.
- SAL: Oh well. I'm not going to worry about it either. Hey, if you want, you can wear my new top on your date.
- KATIE: What? You mean the black and silver one? Really?
- SAL: Sure. Go and try it on now.
- KATIE: Oh, Sal, you're the best! Thanks so much.



Answer key

Listening

1. The correct order is: c, a, d, e, b

Katie tells Sal that Michael phoned.

Katie talks about her upcoming date with Michael.

Sal remembers her first date with Rich.

Sal asks Katie what's wrong with Rich.

Sal offers to lend Katie some clothes (her top).

2. a) Michael phoned Katie after Mark and Candy left the Internet café.
b) Katie and Michael are going out together on Friday.
c) They are going to a Latin American restaurant.
d) After that they are going to an art gallery.
e) On Sal and Rich's first date, Rich took Sal to a club and they danced all night.
f) Sal thinks Rich has been a bit distant/strange recently.
g) Katie suggests that Rich is just busy at work.

Language

3. This is a complicated problem. I mean, it's difficult to understand.
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4. Individual answers will vary.

