

The story so far:

Katie, Michael, Sal and Rich are back in the UK for the Christmas holidays. Katie bought Sal and Rich their flight tickets as a Christmas present. Sal's mum has invited them all to her house for Sunday lunch.



Listening

- Listen to the episode, then read the sentences below. Are they true or false?**
 - Michael and Rich don't like traditional English cooking.
 - Sal and Katie enjoy remembering things they used to eat when they lived in the UK.
 - Rich wants to leave his problems behind and enjoy their holiday.
 - Sal is worried about how Rich is going to react to her news.
- Listen to the episode again. Listen carefully to these sentences and circle the correct word. Then match the expression to the correct meaning below.**
 - Sal's mum:** "The proof of the cake / pudding / roast beef is in the eating."
 - Sal:** "Things have gone pineapple / banana / pear -shaped, Mum."
 - There are problems. Things haven't gone as planned.
 - You have to try something to know what it's like.

Language

- In question 2, you saw two idioms which use food. There are many more. Read the sentences on the left and try and match them to their explanation on the right.**

1. Rich is having trouble <u>bringing home the bacon</u> at the moment.	a. has lots of energy
2. Katie is <u>full of beans</u> ! She never stops	b. the most important or powerful person
3. You can't <u>have your cake and eat it</u> .	c. making money
4. Rich used to be <u>the big cheese</u> at the club.	d. the best thing ever
5. Getting the job in NYC was <u>the cherry on the top</u> for Michael.	e. get everything you want all the time

Discussion

- Talk together and answer the following questions.**
 - How long do you think Sal is going to wait before she tells Rich her news?
 - How do you think Rich will react when Sal tells him her news?
 - Rich and Michael both find the mint sauce very strange. What do foreigners find strange when they eat the traditional food from your country?
 - What strange food combinations have you tasted?

The Road Less Travelled Christmas special

Episode 2: Sunday lunch

Transcript

- SAL'S MUM: Well, cheers everyone. It's so nice to have you all back ...
I just wish you could stay longer.
- EVERYONE: Cheers!
- MICHAEL: I would just like to say thank you so much for inviting us
all to lunch. It smells wonderful!
- RICH: Sure does, Mrs. B.
- SAL'S MUM: Well, the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Come on,
tuck in everyone or it'll get cold. Has everyone got mint sauce?
- RICH: Mint sauce? What do I do with mint sauce?
- SAL: It goes with the roast lamb, Rich. It's a classic combination ... like cheese and pickle ...
- KATIE: Toast and Marmite!
- SAL: Salt and vinegar ...
- KATIE and SAL: Roast beef and Yorkshire pudding!
- RICH: I'm lost!
- MICHAEL: Me, too – but I know what they mean. "A taste of home." There's nothing like it.
- MICHAEL: This roast is absolutely delicious.
- SAL'S MUM: Thanks, Michael. So Rich, how's the club going?
- RICH: Not so good, Mrs. B. In fact, Sal and I wanted to tell you ... it's been a bit hard this past year.
We, err, had to sell the club ...
- SAL'S MUM: Really? Oh, dear!
- SAL: Yeah, things have gone pear-shaped, Mum!
- SAL'S MUM: Chin up! Things will get better. It's the 'crisis'.
- RICH: Yeah, come on, Sal. Let's not worry now. We're on holiday ... and this mint sauce is out of this world!
- SAL'S MUM: Oh, Rich, you are kind.
- KATIE: Seriously, Aunty Clare, it's amazing. I should take a few cooking lessons from you while I'm here.
- MICHAEL: Not a bad idea!
- SAL: Excuse me, everyone.
- SAL'S MUM: Katie, why don't you pop up and see if Sal's ok?
- KATIE: Sal, it's me. Can I come in?
- SAL: Oh, Katie.
- KATIE: Sal, what's wrong?
- SAL: Rich didn't tell mum everything ... she knows we lost the club but she doesn't know we're
about to lose our house, too.
- KATIE: Oh, Sal, it won't come to that.
- SAL: And that's not all, Katie ... Oh, I have to tell someone or I'll burst!
- KATIE: What?
- SAL: I'm pregnant!
- KATIE: Really, err, that's fantastic!
- SAL: Fantastic? It's the worst timing in the world. What am I going to do?
- KATIE: Does Rich know?
- SAL: Not yet ...



Answer key

Listening

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- The proof of the pudding is in the eating." - b
Things have gone pear-shaped Mum." - a



Language

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