

Warm up Questions:

1. How was your week? What did you do?
2. Do you have any special plans for the upcoming Memorial weekend?
3. As May comes to an end, what was your favorite thing you did this month?

(A conversation between two friends over dinner)

Jan (spots Kelly from a distance): Kelly! Hey, how are you doing? It's so good to see you!

Kelly: I know, it's been so long! How are you?

Jan: I'm doing well! I am so hungry, let's go in.

(The women approach the hostess.)

Hostess: Hello, table for two?

Kelly: Yes, but can we sit in a booth please?

Hostess: No problem, follow me right this way.

(At the booth seated)

Hostess: Your server will be with you shortly. Can I get you ladies anything to drink to start out with today?

Kelly: I'll take a water, please.

Jan: I'll have a coke.

Hostess: I'll be back with that shortly. (leaves)

Jan: So, Kelly! What's been going on with you? How is your job going? You just started a new job recently, yes?

Kelly: Yes! I was recently hired as an accountant at a company not far from my home. Since my kids started going to school, I figured I would go back to work. I've been so bored at home all day.

Jan: I envy your motivation. Jack started school last year but I am enjoying my time alone at home now. I think I am getting too used to it.

Kelly: Well, it is nice I have to say, but I just wanted to get back into it.

Server: Welcome back ladies! My name is Joe and I will be your server today. Can I start you out with any appetizers today?

Jan: No thank you on the appetizers today, I think we are ready to order, though.

Joe: Sure, what can I get for you?

Kelly: I'll have the garlic chicken with mashed potatoes and a side salad please.

Jan: And I'll have the vegetarian alfredo, but with light sauce if possible.

Joe: All right, I'll get those right out to you shortly.

Jan: So, where were we? Ah! I just remembered, did you hear about Josie from high school?

Kelly: No, what about her?

Jan: Apparently, her husband is divorcing her...

Kelly: What, no way! Why?

Jan: I heard that he often travels on business to California, and in California he met another woman, so he is moving there to be with her.

Kelly: Oh my god that is horrible...What is Josie going to do, she has three children and she's never worked a day in her life?

Jan: I don't know, but I feel really bad for her...maybe we should call her and see if she needs any help with anything?

Kelly: Oh, I don't know about that, Jan. I haven't seen her in ages...It's been so long, I wouldn't even know what to say.

Jan: Well, we don't need to call her now, let's think about it for a while.

Questions:

- Can you summarize what happened during this dialogue in your own words?
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- How old do you think each person is in this dialogue? Can you tell?
- Can you come up with 3 other questions any of the people might ask each other during this conversation? What might their response be?

Q: Joe asked, "Would you like something else?"

R: Jan and Kelly said, " We would like some dessert. Could you bring us a dessert menu?"

Q: Kelly asked Jan, "What do you usually do at your home when your kids are at school?"

R: Jan said, " I usually do yoga, watch tv, or I cook dinner."

Q: How are your children doing in school?

R: They are good and they enjoy school.

Dialogue #2- Two friends shopping together.

(Father's Day is coming up and two friends are out at the mall shopping together for their husbands. They are not sure what to get so they're chatting while they walk.)

Brenda: I don't know what to get my husband for father's day. Every year I seem to run into this problem. He just doesn't seem to have much he needs.

Sandy: I know what you mean, it's so hard shopping for men. Women are so easy, just buy them a candle, a body wash, clothes, the possibilities are endless.

Brenda: Well, maybe that's just us, maybe we're too easy to please.

Sandy: Ha Ha yeah maybe. Oh, look there is Levi's, it looks like they are having a sale on men's jeans. Do you know your husband's size?

Brenda: Yeah, I think he is a size 31 but I am not 100% sure...

Sandy: Well, let's have a look in here and see, maybe you'll find something you like.

Brenda: Well, it's true my husband could use a little help in the fashion area. And I guess if it doesn't fit him, I can always return it.

(The women both browse the store).

Sandy: Hey Brenda, what do you think of the cut of these?

Brenda: Oh, those look stylish, but do you think your husband is open to a more modern look?

Sandy: Well, he's going to have to be. What he wears now is terrible, it's so baggy and doesn't fit him at all.

Brenda: I know that is my husband too, it's like the baggier the better for him. Why can't he wear styles like Adam Levine or Tom Cruise?

Sandy: I'm getting these for him! Did you find anything?

Brenda: I did, I am getting him this pair of light-washed jeans that's a bootcut style.

Sandy: Those look great!

(The women check out separately).

Brenda: Well, all this shopping has made me hungry. Do you want to head over to the food court and get a snack?

Sandy: That sounds good, but can we stop at starbucks on the way? I am feeling that mid afternoon drag...I need a pick me up!

Brenda: That sounds even better!

(The women are at the starbucks counter, they have ordered their drinks and are waiting for them to be made. Someone calls out to them from behind them:)

Mystery person: Brenda? Sandy? Is that you guys?

Sandy: Oh my god, is that you Janet? We haven't seen you in years, how are you?

Brenda: Wow, Janet! What are you doing in town?

Janet: I just came back to visit my dad for the upcoming holiday. It's good to see you guys still hang out, how have you been?

Sandy: Well I have been doing good, just been working part-time at the beauty salon and carting the kids around wherever they want to go.

Brenda: And I've been doing the same-minus the beauty salon part, I am a full time chauffeur.

Janet: Sounds like you guys have been doing well! Listen, I gotta run, I'm only here to pick up a few things then I have to be on my way, but let's grab lunch together before I go back to California!

Sandy: Sounds good, see you then!

(Janet leaves, and the women start to walk away with their drinks).

Brenda: Oh god, isn't she just awful? What is she doing back in town? How can she show her face here after what she did?

Sandy: Apparently she has no shame. I heard that after she had the drunk driving incident, her husband was so embarrassed her begged his boss to transfer him to another state...

Brenda: God that's just horrible...Do you think she'll call us for lunch?

Sandy: I hope not!

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Q: What present did you get for your husband?

R: I already got a hat for him.

Q: What do you think about Janet?

R: She's horrible, isn't she?

Q: What are you going to cook for dinner tonight?

R: I don't feel like cooking today, so we will probably just go out for dinner.

English Discussion Questions:

- What sorts of gifts do you usually buy for your husband? Is he hard to buy for or easy to buy for? What about your daughters?
- What is your opinion on gossip? Are you a person who gossips a lot or do you try to avoid it? Do you think women gossip a lot when they get together?

- **What is your country's view on divorce? Is it a common thing or an uncommon thing?**
- **When you talk with your friends, what kinds of topics tend to come up most frequently? Is it different depending on which friend you are talking to?**
- **Is there a specific food you will cook for different special occasions/holidays? What are some of your family's favorite foods? What are some of your favorite foods? Are there some foods you cook that your family tends to not like?**