



Segment 3 (Units 5–8)

Put it on the desk

Genre: Situation comedy

Viewing Time: 1:30

Background Information

A situation comedy is a funny drama based on situations that might happen in day-to-day life. This situation comedy sketch shows a realistic situation—professional movers helping an office worker move into a new office—but with a comic result. Because the office worker (Jeff) is distracted by phone calls and trying to connect his computer, he fails to pay attention to the movers. They leave for their lunch break, leaving Jeff trapped in his office.

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

delay: *a situation in which someone or something is made to wait, or the length of the waiting time*

guys: *an informal expression, usually used for men*

right away: *immediately*

Sorry for the delay: *a common expression used in a professional situation to apologize for keeping someone waiting*

Answer Key

Previewing (Answers may vary—as long as they are appropriate guesses, accept them for now.)

1. They are movers and an office worker.
2. They are in an office.
3. They are bringing things into his office.
4. It's about moving into a new office.

In-Depth Viewing

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| 1. b | 3. a |
| 2. c | 4. b |



Video Script

Jeff: Yes, Ms. Barnett, I'll get that to you immediately. Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry for the delay.

1st Mover: Where do you want this?

Jeff: Yes, of course. No need to worry at all.

1st Mover: Sir?

Jeff: Ummm . . . put it in the corner by the window, please.

1st Mover: OK.

[phone rings]

Jeff: Jeff Sanders . . . Yes of course, Mr. Diller . . . OK . . . Right away. *[phone rings]* Jeff Sanders . . . Mom, this isn't a good time to talk . . . I'm moving into a new office and . . . I'll talk to you later, OK? OK, bye.

2nd Mover: Where do you want this?

Jeff: Put it on top of the table. Thanks.

1st Mover: And the computer, where do you want the computer?

Jeff: Ah, you can put the computer on top of the table too.

2nd Mover: Where do you want the boxes?

Jeff: Ah, just put them on the floor . . . anywhere.

2nd Mover: Put them anywhere.

1st Mover: Anywhere.

2nd Mover: It's 12:30. It's time for lunch.

1st Mover: OK. Uh, excuse me, sir. We'll be back in about half an hour.

Jeff: OK, fine . . . Hey!! Let me out! Guys? Uh, hello?