



Segment 11 (Units 21–24)

Lots to do!

Genre: Reality show

Viewing Time: 1:30

Background Information

You may want to ask students if they are familiar with reality shows, currently a popular TV genre. There are no actors on these shows, but real people going through real situations that are videotaped as they happen. In this case, two roommates are getting their apartment ready for a new roommate.

Language Notes

There are a few expressions and interjections that are used by the characters that may be unclear to students. For example, Betsy says, *Oh, man*, which is an expression used for emphasis, in this case, emphasizing how much work they have to do. Ellen, who is not always paying attention to Betsy, says *Huh?*, an interjection used when you haven't heard what someone said. *Yeah* is a slang form of "Yes," in this case, used to confirm information. Ellen uses the expression *good at*, which means "to be very capable of doing something."

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

chore: *a job that you have to do regularly, especially work that you do in a house or on a farm*

mess: *a place that is not organized or arranged neatly*

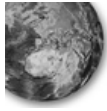
roommate: *someone with whom you share a room, apartment, or house*

stuff: *all the activities that someone does*

supplies: *food, clothes, and things that are necessary*

trash: *waste material such as old food, dirty paper, etc.; garbage*

yoga: *a type of exercise in which you control your body and mind*



Answer Key

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

1. They are roommates.
2. They are in their apartment.
3. Ellen isn't interested in helping Betsy; when she finally does, she picks the easiest thing to do. Betsy is frustrated/angry with Ellen—she "growls" at the end of the scene when Ellen leaves.
4. Betsy is going to follow Ellen to the door and yell at her.

In-Depth Viewing

1. roommate / tomorrow
2. cleaning supplies
3. nervous
4. unhelpful

Video Script

Betsy: Oh, man. We have a lot to do before Ana gets here tomorrow. She's going to think she chose the wrong roommates.

Ellen: Huh? Ana?

Betsy: Our new roommate, remember?

Ellen: Oh, yeah. Right. Ana. Yeah, lots to do.

Betsy: Did you buy the cleaning supplies?

Ellen: No. I thought you were going to buy them.

Betsy: Did you go shopping at all? Did you buy the paint?

Ellen: No, Betsy. I'm sorry. I didn't have time. Yesterday was really busy. I had a lunch date with Marcy, then I had to work late, then I went to yoga.

Betsy: Oh, Ellen. Ana's moving in here tomorrow! We have to get this place ready!

Ellen: OK! I'll help. What do we need to do?

Betsy: OK. Well, we have to clean the bathroom. We have to paint Ana's room. We have to vacuum. Mop the floors. Let's see. Take out the trash. Clean the kitchen. We need to empty out the refrigerator. Ellen? Where are you going?

Ellen: I think I'll do the shopping.

Betsy: But what about all these other chores?

Ellen: Oh, Betsy. You're so good at that stuff. And I'm good at shopping. Let's see. Cleaning supplies, paint . . .

Betsy: But . . .

Ellen: See you in a couple of hours. Oh, and don't forget the living room! It's such a mess . . . Bye-bye.

Betsy: But Ellen . . .