



Segment 14 (Units 25–28)

Dinner with friends

Genre: Situation comedy

Viewing Time: 1:06

Background Information

Point out to students that this video segment is about cultural differences and misunderstandings. In the video, when Sheila tries to hug Keiko, Keiko pushes her away, because it is not customary for Japanese women to hug each other upon greeting. In the United States, it is common. Tom forgets to remove his shoes on entering the home, which is always done in a Japanese home as a sign of respect.

Language Notes

Can't wait is an expression used to show that someone is excited about something about to happen. *Long time no see* is an expression used when you greet someone you haven't seen in a long time.

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

culture shock: *the strange feelings that someone has when he/she visits a foreign country or a new place for the first time.*
manager: *someone who directs the work of others, something such as businesspeople, sports team members, actors, etc.*

wonder: *to think about something and want to know what is true about it or what is happening or will happen.*

Answer Key

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

1. They are hosts (who haven't seen each other in a while).
2. They are in a city in the United States.
3. They talk about Yoshi and Keiko's new life in the United States, and Yoshi's new job.

In-Depth Viewing

1. F—They have lived in the U.S. for only two weeks.
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3. F—Tom forgets to take off his shoes.
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Video Script

Sheila: I can't wait to see Keiko and Yoshi. It's been so long!

Tom: Yeah. I wonder how they like living in the States.

Keiko: Sheila, Tom! It's so good to see you! Welcome.

Tom: Hi, Keiko.

Sheila: Hi . . .

Keiko: Please, come in!

Tom: Hey, Yoshi!

Yoshi: Hi, Tom.

Tom: Long time no see.

Yoshi: . . . Um . . . yes?

Sheila: Honey, you should take your shoes off first.

Tom: Oh.

[time passes]

Sheila: So, how has life in the States been for you so far?

Tom: Yeah, it must be really different for you here.

Keiko: Oh, it's OK, I guess. It's only been two weeks . . .

Sheila: Have you experienced any culture shock?

Keiko: Oh, yes. Yoshi, tell them what happened at work.

Yoshi: Oh, yes, it was pretty interesting. I showed up to work on the first day with gifts for all the managers!

Tom: They weren't expecting gifts, I guess.

Yoshi: No. I think they thought it was Christmas or something!