



Segment 1 (Units 1–4)

Can you do something today?

Genre: Situation comedy

Viewing Time: 1:36

Background Information

A situation comedy is a humorous TV show involving characters who are trying to resolve a problem or "situation" that could occur in real life. In this particular segment, the characters are trying to find a time when they can get together.

Cultural Information

You might want to point out that in U.S. culture, women who know each other well often kiss each other on the cheek when meeting or saying goodbye. (Men would most likely shake hands.) Nicole checks her schedule on a "palm pilot," an electronic day planner. These have become very popular in recent years and help people keep track of meetings, appointments, and other important events in their schedules.

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

ages: *a long time*

bite: *a quick meal*

client: *someone who pays for services of advice from a person or organization*

crazy: *very strange or not very sensible*

grab: *to do something for a very short time (example: grab a nap, grab a bite to eat)*

presentation: *a formal talk about a particular subject*

Yikes: *interjection said when you suddenly notice or realize something that is shocking or that you must do something quickly*

Answer Key

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

1. They are friends.
2. They are in a restaurant / a coffee shop.
3. They are talking about when they can find the time to get together.
4. It's about two young professional women who are trying to find time to get together.

In-Depth Viewing

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Video Script

Liz: Hey, Nicole!

Nicole: Hey, Liz. Oh, it's great to see you!

Liz: You, too. It's been ages, hasn't it? Why don't we get together soon?

Nicole: Yeah, let's. What do you want to do?

Liz: I don't know. Um, how about going to a movie this weekend? How's Sunday?

Nicole: Oh, I'm really sorry Liz, but I can't. I've already got plans for Sunday.

Liz: Oh, that's OK.

Nicole: Hey, I know! Let's go out for dinner on Saturday. There's a great new Korean restaurant I want to try. You like Korean food, don't you?

Liz: Yeah, I really do. But Saturday isn't good for me—sorry. It's my mom's birthday and we're having a little family party for her.

Nicole: Well, let's see. I can't go out on Friday. I have to pick Chris up at the airport Friday night.

Liz: And Thursday isn't good for me because I have an evening class and it ends at 9:30. How about Wednesday? We can meet after work and grab a bite to eat.

Nicole: Wednesday, Wednesday . . . Oh, Liz, I'm really sorry. I've got to work late this Wednesday. I have a big presentation for a new client on Thursday morning. I know! I can do something on Monday!

Liz: Nicole, today *is* Monday.

Nicole: Oh, sorry. You're right. What a crazy week! Well, can you sit and have lunch with me now?

Liz: I think . . . Yikes! It's 1:00! How did it get so late? I've got a 1:15 meeting. I've got to get back to the office!

Nicole: Oh, don't worry about it. Go on. Go on! You're going to be late!

Liz: Look, we'll try again next week, OK?

Nicole: Sure, sure. Next week. I'll email you.