



Segment 5 (Units 9–12)

I'll have the . . .

Genre: Situation comedy

Viewing Time: 2:41

Background Information

This segment is about a situation in which Alec tries to “make a good impression” on his first date with Lily. He pretends to speak French, which he doesn't, and says that he has been to this restaurant many times before, which he hasn't. The result is that they both are surprised to get food they didn't expect. When Lily suggests that Alec “be himself” and not try to impress her, he comes up with suggestions that Lily does not like, such as throwing darts.

Language Notes

The characters are in a French restaurant and use some common French words. Lily uses the expression *très chic* to show that she is impressed by the restaurant. Other common French words used in the video are *Mademoiselle* for “Miss” and *Monsieur* for “Sir”, in this case. *Bonsoir* means “Good evening”, and *Bon appétit*, literally means “Good appetite” or “Enjoy your meal!”

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

bowling: *an indoor game in which you roll a heavy ball to try to knock down a group of objects shaped like bottles*

burger: *hamburger*

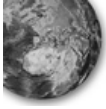
darts: *a game in which you throw a small object with a sharp point at a circular board*

impress: *to make someone feel admiration and respect*

impression: *the opinion or feeling you have about someone or something because of the way she, he, or it seems*

joint: (slang) *a place, especially a bar, club, or restaurant*

pool: *an indoor game played on a cloth-covered table, in which you hit balls with a long stick into pockets at the corners and sides of the table*



Answer Key

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

1. They are a man and a woman on a date.
2. They are at a French restaurant.
3. The man and the woman are nervous. The waiter is bored / disgusted.
4. It's about a couple on their first date ordering the wrong food at a French restaurant.

In-Depth Viewing

1. F—He's never been there.
2. F—Neither of them understands it well.
3. F—He isn't helpful (he doesn't explain what Lily and Alec have ordered).
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Video Script

Lily: Alec, this is quite a place. *Très chic!*

Alec: I'm glad you like it. It's uhm, . . . one of my favorites.

Lily: Oh? So you come here often?

Alec: All the time. Do you like French food, Lily?

Lily: Oh, I love it! This is all in French. Uh, well, uh. Oh, there's, uh, *pamplemousse*. I like mousse, so . . .

Alec: Well, let's see . . . what looks good tonight . . .

Waiter: Bonsoir, Mademoiselle, Monsieur. Are you ready to order?

Lily: Um . . . I think so . . .

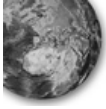
Waiter: Would you like to see the English menu?

Lily: No, no, no . . . this is fine, um . . . Well, I guess I'll just have the *pamplemousse*, and then the *coq au vin*.

Waiter: *Le pamplemousse et le coq au vin. Certainement.* And you, sir? Would you like any suggestions?

Alec: No, I've decided. Uh, yeah . . . I'll start with the *soupe à l'oignon* and then I'll have the *riz de veau*. I love rice. You know, it's almost the same word in French.

Waiter: Very well . . .



[time passes]

Waiter: Mademoiselle, your *pamplemousse*. *Bon appétit*.

Lily: Oh, good.

[time passes]

Waiter: And Monsieur . . . *voilà! Le riz de veau*. Enjoy!

Alec: Oh.

Lily: So, how's your rice?

Alec: Well . . . it's, ah, ah . . .

Lily: Tell me something, Alec. You don't speak French, do you? And you've never been here before either, have you?

Alec: Well, no. Ah, I just wanted to make a good first impression, since it's our first date and all.

Lily: Alec, you really want to impress me? Just be yourself.

Alec: Really?

Lily: Really.

Alec: OK. Tell you what—on our next date, there's this great burger joint right down the street!

Lily: Burgers?

Alec: Yeah. Oh, and afterwards, we could play pool! Or, go bowling! Do you like to bowl?

Lily: Bowling?

Alec: Yeah.

Lily: No.

Alec: Maybe . . . maybe shoot some darts.

Lily: No.

Alec: Do you like darts?

Lily: No, I don't.

Alec: No?