



### Segment 4 (Units 5–8)

#### *This party is going to be cool!*

**Genre:** Teen drama

*Viewing Time: 2:10*

#### Background Information

Also known as “after-school specials,” teen dramas are usually shown on weekday afternoons, a time when many teenagers are home from school and have free time. These programs usually deal with topics of interest to teenagers, such as school, family relationships, and personal issues. This segment shows two friends who have very different ideas about a party they are planning.

#### Culture Notes

When young people have parties in the United States, they usually serve their guests casual snacks like chips and pretzels, along with drinks. (And often parties for young people are “BYO”—“bring your own” drinks.) Guests at the parties usually stand around and talk or dance to music.

#### Vocabulary for Comprehension

*Preview the vocabulary with your students.*

control: *the ability or power to make someone or something do what you want*

deli section: *the part of a store that sells cheese, cooked meat, etc.*

dip: *a thick mixture that you can dip food into*

divide and conquer: *a military idiom that now means to get something done more quickly by splitting up tasks*

guacamole: *a Mexican dish made with mashed avocados; used as a dip for chips*  
salsa: *a sauce usually made from onions, tomatoes and chilis that you put on chips or Mexican food*

#### Answer Key

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

1. They are roommates/young men/Americans.
2. They are on the street in front of a supermarket.
3. They are going to buy food and drinks for a party.
4. It's about friends who are negotiating about what they need to buy for a party.

#### *In-Depth Viewing*

1. relaxed
2. nervous
3. fine cheeses
4. chips and pretzels
5. drinks, paper cups, and salsa



### Video Script

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**Benji:** Dude, this party is going to be so cool.

**Alex:** I hope so. But we're not exactly what I would call ready.

**Mike:** Relax, Alex. Everything's under control. Just need to divide and conquer. That's all.

**Alex:** Yeah, that's all. OK, Mike. What's your plan?

**Mike:** Well, let's see. I'll get the soda and drinks. Alex, you get the paper stuff. Benji, you go buy all the snacks.

**Benji:** OK. How much stuff do you think we'll need?

**Mike:** Oh, I don't know. Just fill up a shopping cart. We'll meet back out here in 15 minutes. OK?

**Benji:** Yes, sir, general!

**Alex:** Mike, do you really think he's going to know how much to get? What if he gets too much stuff?

**Mike:** Come on, Alex! There's no such thing as too much food at a party. Just be sure to get lots of paper cups, OK?

**Alex:** Paper cups? Are you kidding? I don't want our guests to use paper cups. They'll think we don't have any class.

**Mike:** Come on, Alex, calm down. Everyone uses paper cups at parties. Give me a break.

**Alex:** Well, OK. But I still don't think Benji's going to know how much food to get. I'm going to go to the deli section, see what kind of fine cheeses they have.

**Mike:** Alex, we don't need "fine cheeses." And we don't have the money for that anyway. We'll be fine with chips and pretzels and stuff.

**Alex:** Chips and pretzels??? That's not enough!

**Mike:** You know, you're absolutely right. We'll get some salsa, too.

**Alex:** OK. What about guacamole and other dips?

**Mike:** No. We'll just get a few jars of salsa. Who do you think is coming to this party? The president? Come on, Benji will be finished and we won't even have started. Let's get the paper stuff and the drinks, and we'll be done.

**Alex:** OK. But at least let me pick out the salsa.

**Mike:** OK, man. Whatever.

**Mike:** Hey, Benj. Good job, man.

**Benji:** Yeah, look. I got these pretzel sticks, a few different kinds of chips, tortilla chips . . . The chips were two for \$3.

**Alex:** Oh, man. This is going to be some party.

**Mike:** Just you wait, Alex. You're going to have a great time!