



### Segment 11 (Units 21–24)

#### *Dressed to kill!*

**Genre:** Situation Comedy

*Viewing Time: 2:09*

#### Language Note

There are many expressions with *dress*. These include *dress to kill* (to wear very nice clothes to make a positive impression), *dress down* (to wear clothes that are more informal than you usually wear), and *dress up* (to wear clothes that are more formal than you usually wear). Other expressions include *dress for success* (to wear stylish clothes that will make you look good at work) and *dress to impress* (similar to *dress to kill*).

#### Vocabulary for Comprehension

*Preview the vocabulary with your students.*

How about I just...? *A phrase that introduces a very informal suggestion*

Not very well brought up: *not raised with good manners or good sense*

slob: *someone who is messy or dirty*  
sophisticated: *made or designed well, and often complicated*

#### Answer Key

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

1. They are a family (mother, father, son).
2. They are at home.
3. The clothes the kid should wear for a special occasion.
4. They are about to go to a family party (the grandparents' 40th anniversary).

#### *In-Depth Viewing*

1. b
2. c
3. b
4. c



### Video Script

**Mother:** Nick . . . *Nick!*

**Nick:** Yeah? Yeah? Yeah?

**Mother:** You're not planning to wear *that*?

**Nick:** What do you mean?

**Mother:** You're not planning to wear that to your grandparents' 40th anniversary party . . .

**Nick:** Why not? It's clean.

**Dad:** What your mother is trying to say is, those clothes are not appropriate for an important family event. Now go back upstairs and put on the suit that we bought you.

**Nick:** Oh no, not that suit. It makes me look stupid.

**Mother:** It doesn't make you look stupid. It makes you look very handsome and sophisticated.

**Nick:** But nobody else is going to be wearing a suit. How about I just put on the jacket?

**Dad:** No way, mister. Jacket, and nice pants. Now go upstairs and change or we're going to be late.

**Nick:** Do I have to wear a tie?

**Mother and Dad:** Yes!

**Dad:** And you can leave your music at home.

**Nick:** You're kidding, right? There'll be nothing to do.

**Mother:** You can talk to people, how about that, huh? All your cousins will be there.

**Nick:** Oh, all right.

*[time passes]*

**Mother:** Oh, wow! What a great time!

**Dad:** I don't remember when I had such fun!

**Nick:** Wow, what a great party!

**Dad:** I noticed you got a lot of attention from that pretty blonde, Charlene.

**Mother:** Yes, you danced with Charlene all night, didn't you? And I thought she was interested in your cousin Paul, but she totally ignored him.

**Nick:** Ha, Paul? Well, yeah. You know, girls like a guy with a little sophistication. Paul looked like a slob. The least he could have done is put on a shirt and tie for his own grandparents' anniversary . . . Oh well, some guys just aren't very well brought up.

**Dad:** Is that our kid?

**Mom:** I don't know . . .