



### Segment 13 (Units 25–28)

#### *The Mating Game*

**Genre:** Game show

*Viewing Time: 3:54*

#### **Background Information**

Game shows are very popular on English-language television in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. One type of game show involves a male and a few females (or vice versa) who cannot see one another. The idea of the show is to find a "perfect match" based on the answers each of them gives to a series of questions that are supposed to reveal their personalities. The fact that they can't see one another ensures that the matching would be based on shared interests rather than physical attraction alone.

#### **Vocabulary for Comprehension**

*Preview the vocabulary with your students.*

bachelorette: *an unmarried woman*  
cuddly: *something or someone that makes you want to hold him, her, or get close to you*  
get rid of something: *throw away something you don't want; make it go away*

having issues: *having problems (you have issues = you're not well)*  
obnoxious: *very unpleasant or rude*  
win someone over: *gain someone's affection*

#### **Answer Key**

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

1. They are participants in a game show, together with the show host.
2. They are in a TV studio.
3. It's a game show in which a man chooses his ideal date by questioning three female contestants.
4. None. The show ended without a match.

*In-Depth Viewing* (Answers may vary—accept all plausible answers)

Angry 3	Basic 1	Boring 1	Critical 3	Funny 2, 3	Hostile 3
Inhibited 1	Intelligent 3	Offensive 3	Polite 2	Practical 1	Repetitive 2
Romantic 2	Serious 1, 3	Shy 1	Simple 1	Sophisticated 3	Unexciting 1

#### **Video Script**

**Bachelorette 1:** Hello, Jeff.

**Bachelorette 2:** Hi, Jeff.





**Bachelorette 3:** Hello, Jeff.

**Host:** OK. Jeff—you've heard each of our bachelorettes say hello. You have the questions we prepared for you to ask each bachelorette, right?

**Jeff:** Yes, I do.

**Host:** OK then. I can see they're ready, I'm ready . . . and I know you're ready . . .

**Jeff:** Sure am!

**Host:** Well, then let's play *The Mating Game*! Jeff! Ask your first question!

**Jeff:** OK. Bachelorette number 1—If you were ice cream, what flavor would you be?

**Bachelorette 1:** Vanilla.

**Host:** Do you have anything to add to that, Bachelorette number 1?

**Bachelorette 1:** No.

**Jeff:** Uhm, OK . . . Bachelorette number 2. Same question.

**Bachelorette 2:** I don't eat ice cream. Frozen yogurt, I prefer frozen yogurt. Sorry.

**Jeff:** Bachelorette number 3?

**Bachelorette 3:** What flavor ice cream would I be? That's supposed to help you get to know me? You could ask me about my political views . . . where I see myself in 20 years—a question with some substance. But no. Ice cream flavors. That's just pathetic!

**Jeff:** But I—

**Host:** Let's move on to the next question.

**Jeff:** Did anybody explain to them the rules of this game? Don't they know that—?

**Bachelorette 3:** We know the rules! What? You don't like our answers, so we're idiots? You have some issues, Jeff—Do you know that? Are you in therapy? You should be.

**Jeff:** Am I—? Wait a second—

**Host:** Try the next question, Jeff.

**Jeff:** Bachelorette number . . . 2. My dog, Shirley . . . Shirley? Bachelorette number 2. My dog Shirley is my best friend. She's also very jealous and possessive. What would you do to win her over?

**Bachelorette 2:** What kind of dog is Shirley?

**Jeff:** What kind of—? Um, a German shepherd.

**Bachelorette 2:** Oh, a big dog. I don't like big dogs. I like dogs that are small and cuddly. Sorry.

**Jeff:** But that's not—

**Host:** Bachelorette number 1?

**Bachelorette 1:** I'm allergic to dogs.

**Jeff:** Well . . . say you weren't.

**Bachelorette 1:** But I am—Always have been. If I get within 10 feet of a dog, my eyes water, I can't stop sneezing. Sometimes my face blows up like a balloon! It's awful.

**Host:** Bachelorette 3 . . . What would you do to win Shirley over?

**Bachelorette 3:** Right—I am competing with a dog. To be with this loser? No, not in this lifetime, buddy! You want to be with me? Get rid of little Shirley first. Then we can talk.

**Jeff:** Who would possibly want to be with you? You are the most arrogant, obnoxious, angry woman I have ever met in my entire life . . .