

## Segment 2 (Units 1–4)

### *Vacation Plans*

**Genre:** Situation comedy

*Viewing Time: 1:34*

### Background Information

A situation comedy is a type of TV show that involves characters in problematic situations. The comedy arises as they try to work out the problem. In this scene, the “problem” is what vacation trip to decide upon.

### Cultural Information

People in the United States tend to take shorter vacations than people do in many other countries. Most American workers almost never take more than two weeks at a time. Travel agencies offer *all-inclusive* vacation packages well suited for short stays. These packages generally include air travel, hotel, meals, entertainment, and outdoor activities.

### Vocabulary for Comprehension

*Preview the vocabulary with your students.*

accommodations: *a place to live or work*

excursion: *a short trip, usually by a group*

lodge: *a place in the country where people can stay, especially for a short time*

lounge: *to stand or sit in a lazy way*

outing: *a short enjoyable trip for a group*

relief: *feeling of comfort and happiness*

*because something bad did not happen (or something good did happen)*

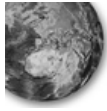
### Answer Key

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

1. They are two sisters, Jane and Carol, and a travel agent.
2. They are in a travel agency.
3. They are trying to make arrangements for a trip.
4. They cannot agree on a destination.

### *In-Depth Viewing*

1. F— Jane wants to go to Kenya; Carol wants to go to Italy.
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3. F —They are going to take the ten-day package.
4. F— The hotel has both a heated pool and a mountain view.
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### Video Script

**Mr. Harrison:** Hi. Can I help you?

**Jane:** Yes, my sister and I are interested in going to Kenya.

**Carol:** Kenya? I thought we were going to Italy.

**Jane:** You *know* we decided on Kenya. Italy will be way too crowded that time of year.

**Carol:** I don't remember making that decision.

**Mr. Harrison:** We have some *very* nice trips to Kenya. They combine luxurious accommodations and adventure.

**Carol:** Adventure? What kind of adventure? There won't be any bugs, will there? Are you sure we talked about this?

**Jane:** Carol, don't be such a baby.

**Mr. Harrison:** How long a trip were you planning?

**Carol:** One week.

**Jane:** Three weeks.

**Carol:** I can't take more than one week off from work. You know that.

**Mr. Harrison:** We have a lovely ten-day tour that combines a four-star lodge and safari excursions.

**Carol:** Do we have to hike?

**Mr. Harrison:** There's an air-conditioned Jeep for those who prefer to ride.

**Jane:** Will we see lions?

**Mr. Harrison:** Oh yes, lions, elephants, giraffes . . . we have an excellent safari guide. And you'd like a double room?

**Jane:** Yes, a double room will be fine.

**Carol:** But . . .

**Jane:** Are meals included?

**Mr. Harrison:** Yes, breakfast and dinner at the lodge are included. We can also provide picnic lunches for outings if you like.

**Carol:** Is there a pool?

**Jane:** You're going to lounge at a pool when there's so much to see?!

**Mr. Harrison:** There's a beautiful heated pool with a view of Mount Kenya.

**Jane:** Oh, let's do it.

**Carol:** I still think we should talk about Italy.

**Mr. Harrison:** Ladies, I see here you were originally interested in a trip for *three* people.

**Jane:** Oh, our sister Sally was thinking of coming . . .

**Carol:** But what a relief she's not! She's so hard to please!