



### Segment 4 (Units 5–8)

#### *Off to Lake Hakahoonah*

**Genre:** Reality show

*Viewing Time: 3:32*

#### **Background Information**

Reality shows are increasingly popular on English-language television in the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. One very popular type of reality show features people enduring challenging situations like living on a deserted island or finding their way through unfriendly terrain. The show usually gives the winner a prize such as money, a car, or a house.

#### **Vocabulary for Comprehension**

*Preview the vocabulary with your students.*

a catch: *a trick or a condition that a person doesn't know about*

back out: *to decide not to do something you promised to do*

fireplace: *the open place in a wall of a room where you can burn wood to heat the room*

honk: *to make noise with the horn of a car*  
rough it: *to live in conditions that are not very comfortable*

solar-powered: *using equipment to transform sunlight into electricity*

#### **Answer Key**

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

1. They are a couple.
2. They are at home.
3. They are arguing about a country house they will live in.
4. The show is about a couple that has been given a house in the country. They have to live in it for a year before they own it, but there are problems . . .

#### *In-Depth Viewing*

1. F—The house is not theirs yet. They have to live there for a year.
2. F—There is no power at all—only two fireplaces and a wood-burning stove.
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5. F—Delivery is not possible, simply because there isn't a road connecting the house to anything.



### Video Script

**Announcer:** Tonight on *Real Couples TV*: Dave and Jenny have just won a new solar-powered house . . .

**Dave:** You know what I'm really not going to miss?

**Announcer:** . . . but with one catch—or two . . .

**Dave:** That! I won't miss that one bit.

**Announcer:** Let's see how they react . . .

**Dave:** You're sure you're OK with this?

**Jenny:** Of course I am, Dave. How many people get an opportunity like this? A brand new home—absolutely free! OK, so it's in the middle of nowhere. But still—How lucky are we? Show me the pictures again.

**Dave:** Well, the show isn't just *giving* us the house, Jenny. We have to live in it a full year before it's legally ours.

**Jenny:** So? How hard could that be? Sure, we'll rough it a bit. But imagine—a solar-powered home. Just like we always wanted.

**Dave:** Uhm, the solar panels aren't installed yet.

**Jenny:** What?

**Dave:** The solar panels aren't installed yet. That's part of the challenge. Once we live there a year, the panels get installed.

**Jenny:** But, Dave, what's the house powered by now? Dave? Are you telling me the house has no power? At all?

**Dave:** Well, . . . no, not right now. But it'll be fine! We have two fireplaces, . . . a wood-burning stove. Who needs power? It'll be like camping, just inside.

**Jenny:** But we've never camped for more than a few days, Nature Boy! How are we going to make it through an entire year?

**Dave:** Because we have each other. We'll be surrounded by nature . . .

**Jenny:** Nature. Hmmm. Waking up to sweet sounds of birds singing every morning . . .

**Dave:** And wolves singing us to sleep every night.

**Jenny:** Mmmmm, and—wolves? What do you mean, "wolves?"

**Dave:** I didn't mean literally. I just meant—you know—we'll be so close to nature . . . do snakes count?

**Jenny:** Of course snakes count! Why wouldn't snakes count?

**Dave:** We don't have to do this, Jenny. We can back out of it if you want to.

**Jenny:** No, no. It's just this *is* a lot to get used to. But, . . . no, . . . it'll be great.

**Dave:** No more horns honking every day and night. No more crowds. No more hearing the pizza delivery guy ringing the wrong doorbell at night.

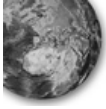
**Jenny:** Yeah. Of course, I am going to miss ordering pizza. And sushi. But, hey, if we want sushi, we'll just catch some fish in the lake and make it ourselves!

**Dave:** Yeah, that's the spirit! What lake?

**Jenny:** Lake Hakahoonah—I think that's the name. You know, the one off Deerfield Road?

**Dave:** Once they finish Deerfield Road, we can go fishing in that lake every day if we want to.

**Jenny:** Oh, I don't know about every—once the road is finished?



**Dave:** Yeah, it's still being built. I told you that.

**Jenny:** No, you didn't. What do you mean "it's still being built"? I saw it on the map, didn't I? Dave! That's the only road connecting us to the highway! That's the only road connecting us to anything!

**Dave:** There's nothing to worry about, Jenny. It'll be great, baby. You'll see . . .

**Jenny:** Hello—Midtown Pizza? I'd like to order a large pie with *everything* on it. Delivery? You'd better believe it!