Narrator: Hello and welcome to English at University, the series that brings you the English words and phrases you need to help you through your first year at university.

We’re going to follow new student Mary, who is about to begin her first year of study abroad, at the University of Studies, that’s the UK’s thirty-second best university. She has been offered a place to study for a degree in Business.

It’s a good opportunity for her but her mum and dad are sad to see her go.

Mum: She is flying to London today, London in the UK, she’s done very well. I am so proud of her, but I’m worried that she’s not going to eat properly and she might get in with the wrong crowd.

Dad: Your mum is so emotional. It’s the opportunity of lifetime for you. Make the most of it, forget about us, we’ll be fine.

Mary: Forget about who?

Dad: Now, have you packed everything? Clothes, books, toothbrush?

Mum: Sorry about that, that was your Grandma on the phone, she said ‘good luck’ and send her a postcard from Paris. I think she meant London. She also said ’Don’t do anything I wouldn’t do’. It’s a joke. She learnt it from her English friends, it means ‘Have a good time and don't get into troubles. Now, have you packed everything, passport, student visa, your acceptance letter from the university and your new laptop.

Dad: Good idea, very sensible, have you got your credit card and cash?

Mum: That sounds like your taxi, bye bye darling. Safe journey, have a good trip and keep in touch.

Mary: I’ll call as soon as I land in London.