Narrator: The first term is finished and the Chrismas is about to begin. The students at the University of Studies are busy preparing to go home, except for one.

Abi: Oh, I can't wait for my boyfriend to pick me up. It's going to be great just hanging around, doing nothing for three weeks, a bit like here. Mary, you are not packing you bags, you’ve got a long journey home, haven't you?

Mary: No, I haven't. I left it too late to book a flight home, and now they're all sold out.

Abi: No, what are you going to do? It's Chrismas, you can spend it on your own.

Mary: Don't worry, I’m allowed to stay here. And I can do some reading , studying and watch TV. Anyway, I really don't do the festive things.

Daniel: Only me, hi, Mary, Abi. So you heard about my feedback from Professor?

Mary: Yes, it's not too good, was it?

Abi: Don't worry about that, they only say bad things to make you work harder. Anyway, Daniel boy, what are you doing for the Yuletide period?

Daniel: Going home to my mum and dad, of course. I’m catching the train at 2 o’clock and thought I'd come and say “Happy Christmas”.

Abi: Hold on, you’ve got a spare bed at your parents’ house, haven't you?

Daniel: Yeah.

Abi: Perfect. Mary can't get a flight home for Christmas, so she can go and stay at yours, can't she?

Daniel: Really? Do you really want to come and stay with me, at Christmas?

Mary: Well, with your parents, if it is not too much trouble.

Daniel: Ace! I'll go and ring my mum.

Abi: There you go, Christmas is sorted, have a good one.

Mum: Mary, it's so nice to meet, Daniel never brought a girl home before.

Daniel: Let's change the subject.

Narrator: Mary, it's time to be polite, say how grateful you are but set the record straight, explain about you and Daniel.

Mary: Yes, of course. Mrs Symthe, I’m very touched that you’ve allowed to stay with you. I’m very grateful to have somewhere to stay. You're such nice people to spend the holiday with.

Mum: Does she say such nice things. Daniel has really found a treasure here.

Mary: Thank you. I’m very pleased to have Daniel as a good friend but I think there’s been some confusion. Can I just make it clear? We are not together.

Daniel: We're not an item. Just friends, like she said.

Mum: Well, you're still a lovely girl. Would you like to carve the turkey?

Narrator: Well done for being polite and using these phrases.

Daniel: I’ll get it. Professor, what are you doing here?

Professor: Yes, a bit of surprise, I know. I tried to find Mary at the university campus but Abi said she had come here. Mary, I want to say sorry for the confusion in our meeting last week, and give you a Christmas present, here you are.

Mary: Gosh, thanks.

Mum: Actually, me and Jim have bought you a litter something too.

Sharon: And I’ve just made some mince pies to eat, but go on Mary, open your presents first.

Mary: Oh, that’s so kind of you all. Oh, lovely Mr and Mrs Smythe, a wolly scarf and mittens, very useful.

Professor: It's my lastest book, “Funny Business”. Look, I’ve signed it for you.

Daniel: Well, as we are doing presents, you might as well open mine now.

Mary: Goodness, it's a small box, a lovel bow. It's a memory stick, with my name on it. That’s brilliant, just what I want. Oh, everyone, despite being a long way from home, it's been great being here, a real home from home.

Mum: So Professor, would you like to stay for dinner?

Both: Yes, please. Happy Christmas.

Narrator: See you next term.