

M: Hello English learners! Welcome back to **EnglishPod**! My name is **Marco**.

E: And I'm **Erica**.

M: And today we're bringing you **part four** of our romantic series called **I'm Sorry, I Love You**.

E: Yeah, and today we've got some drama, don't we?

M: We got a lot of drama and we got a lot of useful language.

E: Yeah, we're gonna learn, um, some phrases we can use to describe a mistake.

M: Uhu.

E: And, uh, we're also going to learn how we can **comfort someone**, we can make them feel better.

M: Okay, exactly, so, in our dialogue today Veronica and her boyfriend are **on a break**.

E: Right.

M: So, what does it mean to be on a break?

E: Well, it means you stop having a romantic relationship for a short time.

M: So, you can say "We are on a break".

E: So, we're not dating.

M: We're not dating.

E: But...

M: Oh...

E: We don't date.

M: Oh... Hehe. Or we could say "Let's take a break".

E: Right, so, we've got this state **on a break** and the action **take a break**.

M: Take a break.

E: Uhu.

M: Okay, let's take a break. Okay, so, let's listen to our dialogue and it's gonna be a little bit fast and the girl, I think, she's crying, so, it'll be a little bit difficult to understand.

E: But Marco and I will come back in a minute and we'll talk about some of the difficult language here.

### **DIALOGUE, FIRST TIME**

M: Wow, that's a romantic boyfriend singing in the street.

E: Yeah, yeah, that's amazing. Have you... Have you ever done that for a girl?

M: Uh... no. Hehe.

E: Hehe. Well, have you... have you ever sung to a girl on **KTV**.

M: I've sung to a girl on KTV.

E: And karaoke.

M: Karaoke, yeah.

E: Yeah.

M: So, but not so much as on... on the street with all the neighbors coming out to see me.

E: Well, okay, well, I don't blame you.

M: Hehe. Alright, let's take a look at the language that we saw in our dialogue on "**language takeaway**".

*Voice: Language takeaway.*

M: Alright, so, let's take a look at our first word – **seeing** someone.

E: Seeing someone.

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E: Seeing someone.

M: So, if I'm seeing someone...

E: You're dating them.

M: I'm dating them.

E: Yeah.

M: I'm frequently **going out** with that person.

E: Right.

M: So, but it's not very serious.

E: N... No... it is serious.

M: But not really, it's more of a casual thing. It's not very exclusive.

E: So... So, if you're seeing someone, then you can also s... see another person.

M: Maybe.

E: Hm.

M: Hehe.

E: Well, I think sometimes seeing someone can mean actually they're your boyfriend or girlfriend. Like, I'm seeing John, he is my boyfriend.

M: Okay, yeah, see, this is the difficult thing about seeing someone is that for some people it means it's really serious, while for other people it means it's more casual.

E: I guess it's important that you and your boyfriend or girlfriend share the same view on the meaning of this word.

M: Alright. Have to agree on what seeing someone means.

E: Okay, well, what's our next word, Marco?

M: **Cheating on.**

E: Cheating on someone.

M: Cheating on me.

E: Cheating on someone.

M: Okay, so, if you're cheating on someone...

E: Then you are like kissing or even having sex with someone, who's not your boyfriend or your husband, or your girlfriend or your wife.

M: Exactly, so...

E: Yeah.

M: If I say "She **cheated on** me"...

E: Uhu.

M: That means that my girlfriend kissed or had sex with another guy.

E: Right.

M: But if I say "She **cheated** me"...

E: Yeah, that's different.

M: That's different, right?

E: It's different. Maybe she sold you something for a really high price.

M: She cheated me.

E: Yeah.

M: Or maybe she sold me something that was fake.

E: Or, yeah... or broken or something.

M: Or broken.

E: Yeah.

M: Okay, so...

E: So, **cheated on** is really different from **cheated**.

M: Okay, let's take a look at our next word – **messed this up**.

E: Messed this up.

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E: Messed this up. So, Marco, this is a **phrasal verb**, um, and that means we can sort of switch it around a little bit, right?

M: Exactly, why don't we listen to some examples and then we can come back and talk some more.

***Voice: Example one.***

A: I messed up on *the examen and now I passed* my class.

**Voice: Example two.**

B: When I'm cooking I always mess up and burn the rice.

M: Okay, so, messed up, it's pretty clear I think.

E: Yeah.

M: Alright, let's take a look at our next word – **amateur**.

E: Amateur.

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E: Amateur.

M: So, when someone is amateur...

E: They're acting really young.

M: Really young, right?

E: Yeah.

M: But it's not a very good thing to be amateur.

E: No, it's... it has a negative meaning.

M: Right, it's normal for children to be amateur.

E: Cause they're children.

M: Right, but not an adult.

E: Yes.

M: Okay.

E: So, we've got some examples that will help you to understand this word a little bit better.

**Voice: Example one.**

A: Your toilet jokes are not funny. Stop being so amateur.

**Voice: Example two.**

*B: Jenny acts like she's sixteen. She's so amateur.*

***Voice: Example three.***

*C: God, you and your friends always act so amateur.*

M: Alright, so, amateur. Now, let's take a look at our next word – **selfish**.

E: Selfish.

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E: Selfish.

M: So, a selfish person...

E: Is a person, who only thinks about themselves.

M: Okay, so, I only think about me.

E: Uhu.

M: No one else.

E: Yeah, you don't care about other people's feelings.

M: Okay. So, it's not a good thing to be amateur or selfish.

E: Exactly.

M: Okay, so, I think it's time for us to listen to our dialogue again. We're gonna slow it down a little bit.

E: And this will help you to understand these phrases a little bit more clearly.

### **DIALOGUE, SECOND TIME (slow)**

M: Okay, so, we saw Veronica's friend trying to **calm her down**, right?

E: Yeah, trying to comfort her.

M: Okay, to make her feel better.

E: Uhu.

M: Let's take a look at some of the phrases she used in "**fluency builder**".

*Voice: Fluency builder.*

M: Okay, so, what was the first phrase that she said?

E: **Everything is going to work out just fine.**

M: Everything is going to work out just fine.

E: Everything is gonna work out just fine.

M: What does that mean?

E: It's going to be okay.

M: It's going to be okay, right?

E: Yeah, the problem will be solved.

M: Okay, so, if somebody's worried or somebody is crying, you...

E: Yeah.

M: You can say "Oh, don't worry, everything is going to work out just fine".

E: Uhu.

M: Okay. Okay, let's look at the next one - **pull yourself together.**

E: Pull yourself together.

M: Pull yourself together.

E: Pull yourself together.

M: So, what does that mean, exactly? It sounds kind of weird.

E: I know, I guess it... it just means stop crying, relax and, you know, take a deep breath.

M: Okay. Just like calm down.

E: Yeah, yeah.

M: Get organized.

E: Yeah-yeah-yeah.

M: With your ideas and your thoughts.

E: Yeah. So, you can think of maybe somebody, who's got tears down their face and everything is sort of **in a mess**.

M: Uhu.

E: If you pull it together, they clean up and they...

M: Okay.

E: They sort of relax, right?

M: Okay. Pull yourself together.

E: Uhu.

M: Alright, and the last phrase that we saw – **it's going to be alright**.

E: It's going to be alright.

M: It's going to be alright.

E: It's going to be alright.

M: So, it's going to be alright means everything is going to be okay.

E: Yeah, it's going to be fine.

M: It's going to be fine.

E: The problem will go away.

M: You...

E: You'll feel better.

M: Maybe you can even say "It'll be alright".

E: Yeah, yeah.

M: It'll be alright.

E: Yeah. These are three really helpful phrases that you can use when you wanna say something nice to a friend or a colleague, who... who has a problem.

M: Okay, exactly, very useful language. So, let's listen to some more examples.

***Voice: Example one.***



*A: Don't worry, everything is going to work out just fine. I'm sure he still loves you.*

***Voice: Example two.***

*B: Everything is gonna be alright. We'll find your puppy. Don't worry!*

M: Okay, great examples and I think it's clear now.

E: Uhu.

M: So, let's listen to our dialogue again and then we'll come back and talk some more.

### **DIALOGUE, THIRD TIME**

M: Okay, I really like this dialogue. It's so romantic.

E: Yeah.

M: It's drama, but at the same time romantic.

E: Uhu.

M: So, we want to know what you think will happen next?

E: Yeah, will they get back together?

M: Will they get married?

E: Will they have a baby?

M: Maybe they'll break up for ever.

E: Maybe she'll **move halfway across the world.**

M: Hehe. Anything can happen, so, let us know what you think will happen.

E: Uhu, come to our website at [englishpod.com](http://englishpod.com) and leave your comments on the lesson page.

M: Exactly, and maybe you'll be right.

E: Yeah, you never know.

M: Okay. So, we're out of time for today. I hope you guys had fun and we'll see you next time. Until then it's...

E: Good bye!

M: Bye!