

Starting Out

Episode 12 – An old friend

Sammy: Hi!

Julia: Hi. You're late.

Sammy: Sorry.

Julia: OK, OK. You want to talk about ...

Sammy: Tonight.

Julia: Tonight? The cinema?

Sammy: Yes. Well, no ...

Julia: No?

Sammy: We're not going to the cinema tonight. We are going to Tony's for dinner.

Julia: Erm, Tony? Who is Tony?

Sammy: Ah, Tony. He's an old friend from school. He lives here now. They want us to visit them for dinner tonight.

Julia: They?

Sammy: Yes. Tony and his wife Kate.

Julia: But I don't know them! I ...

Sammy: Don't worry! Tony's a great guy and Kate's brilliant.

Julia: Do they live in the city centre?

Sammy: Yes, they do.

Julia: Where does Tony work?

Sammy: He doesn't work.

Julia: Oh! He doesn't work. What about Kate?

Sammy: She doesn't, either.

Julia: What do they do all day?

Sammy: Lots of things. Tony reads.

Julia: What does he read?

Sammy: Lots of things. Like history!

Julia: Hmm. Interesting. ... Does Tony do any sport?

Sammy: Sports? Yes, he goes fishing.

Julia: Fishing?!

Sammy: Yeah.

Julia: And Kate? Does she go fishing?

Sammy: No, she doesn't. She usually goes out a lot. She's busy.

Julia: Where does she go?

Sammy: To clubs.

Julia: Does she go to these clubs alone?

Sammy: Erm ... well, yes. Well, yes, I think so.

Julia: Erm ... I don't know ...

Sammy: Julia, what's the matter? Tony and Kate are wonderful people. I want you to meet them. And they want to meet you. Kate is a fantastic cook. Her grandchildren ...

Julia: Her grandchildren?! How old is she?

Sammy: 65 ... 68.

Julia: And Tony? How old is Tony?

Sammy: Erm ... A little bit older. About 70.

Julia: You said Tony is a friend from school.

Sammy: He is. Tony's my old science teacher. He's now retired.

Julia: And what about Kate? Does she really go to clubs?

Sammy: Yeah! She goes to walking club, book club ...

Julia: Sammy, you don't explain things very well.

Sammy: Julia, it's not my fault! You never give me the chance! Oh my, I just ...

Julia: OK. So what time is this meal tonight?

Sammy: Seven?