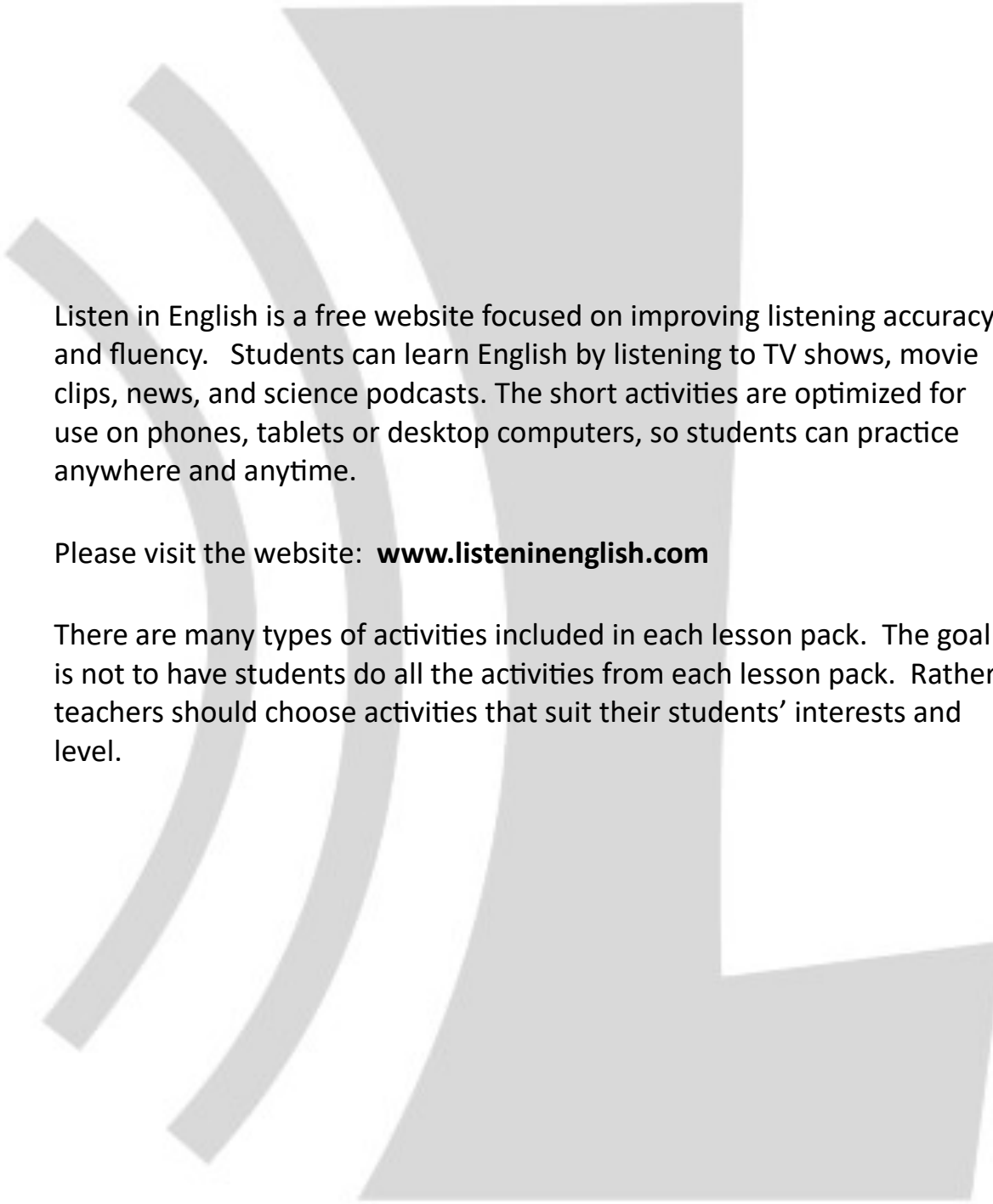


FRIENDS

Ross Has a Son (1)

LESSON PACK (COMPREHENSION – VOCABULARY – DISCUSSION – SCRIPT)



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SOURCE

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Before | PREVIEW QUESTIONS

What is the role of the husband during a pregnancy?

Before | LANGUAGE PREVIEW

Directions: Read the sentence and try to guess the meaning of the underlined words.

1. The doctor wanted to know how far apart her contractions were.
2. She could feel the baby kicking in her uterus (womb).
3. We were arguing about the baby's name, but we finally landed on Timothy.
4. I kept getting cramps while I was running, so I had to stop.
5. We never saw an episode of Friends until our teacher came along.
6. You can't drink water, but you can chew on some ice chips.

Before | BACKGROUND



Ross



Phoebe



Carol



Susan

- Carol is Ross's ex-wife. She is pregnant with Ross's son.
- Susan is Carol's partner (girlfriend). They are lesbians.
- They are in a hospital because Carol is going to give birth.

During | GIST QUESTIONS

Directions: *While you watch the video, think about these questions.*

1. Why are Susan and Ross arguing?

After | COMPREHENSION

Directions: *After you watch the video, decide if each of these statements is true or false.*

1. **T / F** Carol is having contractions.
2. **T / F** Carol is not allowed to drink water.
3. **T / F** Susan and Ross leave to get a glass of water for Carol.
4. **T / F** Ross wants to name the baby Jordie.
5. **T / F** Susan used to date someone named Jamie.
6. **T / F** Carol has stomach cramps.
7. **T / F** They are locked in the closet.
8. **T / F** Ross is worried that he won't be able to spend time with his son.
9. **T / F** Susan is worried that people will not understand her relationship to the baby.
10. **T / F** Phoebe's mother went to jail.
11. **T / F** Phoebe's father died.
12. **T / F** Phoebe thinks that the baby is going to have a difficult life.

1. Is there anything that the doctor says or does that seems unusual?
2. Both Susan and Ross are worried about their relationship with the baby. What is Ross specifically worried about? What is Susan specifically worried about? Which one has more to worry about?
3. What do we learn about Phoebe's childhood?
4. Why does Phoebe think that the baby is lucky?
5. Do you agree with Phoebe? Is the baby lucky to have three parents, or will this situation be difficult for the child as he grows up? Why?
6. How do people usually choose names for their children in your country? Do you know how or why your parents chose your name?
7. What is the difference between "I was named by my aunt." and "I am named after my aunt." ?
8. Read the passages below. What do all of the underlined expressions mean?

My friend got pregnant in April and gave birth in January. She waited until the second trimester to tell people, as by then there is less risk of having a miscarriage.

Labor is the process of your baby leaving the uterus (womb). When you go into labor, you have strong and regular contractions that cause your cervix to dilate. These contractions last for about 30 to 70 seconds and come about 5 to 10 minutes apart, which helps push your baby out of the uterus

Doctor: Hey, how's my favorite parenting team doing?

Ross: Dr. Franzblau, hi.

Doctor: So, I understand you're thinking of having a baby? Well, I see you're nine months pregnant. That's a good start. How are you doing with your contractions?

Carol: Oh, I love them. Each one's like a little party in my uterus.

Susan: They're every four minutes and last 55 seconds.

Ross: 59 seconds. Quartz, ha.

Susan: Swiss quartz, ha, ha.

Carol: Am I allowed to drink anything?

Doctor: Ice chips, just ice chips. They're at the nurses' station.

Ross: I'll get it.

Susan: No, I'm getting it. I'll be right back.

Ross: I got it. I'm getting it! I'm getting it!

Rachel: Hi. I thought you might like some ice chips.

Ross: Breathe. Breathe.

Susan: Breathe. Breathe.

Carol: You're going to kill me!

Ross: 15 more seconds, 14, 13, 12...

Carol: Count faster.

Susan: It's going to be ok. Jjust remember, we're doing this for Jordie. Just keep focusing on Jordie.

Ross: Who the hell is Jordie?

Susan: Your son.

Ross: No-no-no. I don't have a son named Jordie. We all agreed, my son's name is Jamie.

Carol: Well, Jamie was the name of Susan's first girlfriend, so we went back to Jordie.

Ross: What? Whoa, whoa whoa whoa, what do you mean, back to Jordie? We never landed on Jordie. We just passed by it during the whole Jessy, Cody, Dylan fiasco.

Carol: Ow, ow, ow, ow, leg cramp, leg cramp, leg cramp.

Ross: I got it.

Susan: I got it.

Ross: Hey, you get to sleep with her, I get the cramps.

Susan: No, you don't.

Carol: All right, that is it. I want both of you out.

Ross: Why?

Susan: He started it!

Ross: No, you started it.

Carol: I don't care. I am trying to get a person out of my body here, and you're not making it any easier. Now go!

Ross: Thanks a lot.

Susan: See what you did.

Carol: Out!

Ross: Oh, please. This is so your fault.

Susan: How? How is this my fault?

Ross: Look, Carol never threw me out of a room before you came along.

Susan: Yeah? Well, there's a lot of things Carol never did before I came along.

Ross: Are you trying to be clever? What? Are you a funny lady now?

Susan: You know what your problem is? You're threatened by me.

Ross: Oh, I'm threatened by you?

Phoebe: That's it! Get in here. Come on. My god, you guys, I don't believe you. There are children coming into the world in this very building, and your negative fighting noises are not the first thing they should be hearing. So just stop all the yelling, just stop it!

Ross: Yeah, Susan.

Phoebe: Don't make me do this again. I don't like my voice like this.

Phoebe: Ok, who wants to hear something ironic?

Ross: Come on, come on. Damnit, damnit, damnit, damnit. This is all your fault. This is supposed to be, like, the greatest day of my life, you know? My son is being born, and I should be in there, you know, instead of stuck in a closet with you.

Susan: The woman I love is having a baby today. I've been waiting for this just as much as you have.

Ross: No no no, believe me. No one has been waiting for this as much as I have, okay? And you know what the funny thing is? When this day is over, you get to go home with the baby, ok? Where does that leave me?

Susan: You get to be the baby's father. Everyone knows who you are. And who am I? There's Father's Day. There's Mother's Day. There's no Lesbian Lover Day.

Ross: Every day is Lesbian Lover Day.

Phoebe: This is so great.

Ross: You want to explain that?

Phoebe: I mean, well, because when I was growing up, you know my dad left, and my mother died, and my stepfather went to jail, so I barely had enough pieces of parents to make one whole one. And here's this little baby who has, like, three whole parents who care about it so much that they're fighting over who gets to love it the most. And it's not even born yet. It's just the luckiest baby in the whole world. I'm sorry, you were fighting.

Directions: Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order. Use a present time frame.

E.g. doctor / ask / Carol / contraction

The doctor asks Carol about her contractions.

1. Susan / Ross / compete / see / who / can / help / Carol / most
2. Rachel / walk / room / some / ice / chip / Carol
3. they / argue / what / name / baby
4. Carol / throw / them / room / because / they / argue
5. Phoebe / take / Ross / Susan / closet / and / give / them / lecture
6. Phoebe / discover / closet / door / lock
7. Ross / break / credit / card / try / break / out / closet
8. Susan / Ross / both / worry / relationship / baby
9. Phoebe / grow / without / parent
10. Phoebe / mom / die / dad / leave / stepfather / go / jail
11. Phoebe / think / Ross / son / lucky / because / three / person / want / love / him

COMPREHENSION

1. T 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. T 6. F 7. T 8. T 9. T 10. F 11. F 12. F

SUMMARY

1. Susan and Ross are competing to see who can help Carol (the) most.
2. Rachel walks [into/in] the room with (some) ice chips for Carol.
3. They are arguing [about/over] what to name the baby.
They are arguing [about/over] what they will name the baby.
4. Carol throws them out of the room because they are arguing.
5. Phoebe takes Ross and Susan [into/in] [the/a] closet(,) and (she) gives them a lecture.
6. Phoebe discovers (that) the closet door is locked.
7. Ross breaks his credit card ((while) he is) trying to break out of the closet.
8. Susan and Ross are both worried about their relationship with the baby.
9. Phoebe grew up without parents.
10. Phoebe's mom died, her dad left (her), and her stepfather went to jail.
11. Phoebe thinks (that) Ross's son is lucky because three people want to love him.