

British English: Listening Comprehension 5

Surprise!



(6: 20)

Here is the next video. There isn't an accompanying lesson. I simply want to note two common expressions frequently used by the British. The first is "*brilliant*". It has the same meaning as "*great*" in American English (or "*genial*" in Spanish). The second expression is "*Don't mention it*", which means "*you're welcome*" (or "*de nada*" in Spanish).

Answer the comprehension questions.

- 1) When is David's date? _____ What is his date's name? _____
- 2) Why did his date not want to eat Chinese food? (Answer in a complete sentence in English.)

- 3) What did his date order? And David?

J starter:		J main course:	
D starter:		D main course:	

- 4) Why was David nervous?
- ☐ it was a 1st date ☐ Julia ordered expensive things ☐ he spoke very little Italian
- 5) What time did Julia's train leave? _____
- 6) Helen says that David didn't get home until breakfast? Why? (Answer in a complete sentence.)
- _____
- 7) How did David offer to pay for the taxi? (Check all that apply.)

☐ cash ☐ credit card ☐ cheque

- 8) Below is a transcript of the video. Listen again—just the audio below—and fill in the blanks.

David: Are you _____ this evening? ... For a meal, yeah? ... You are? That's fantastic.

Helen (voice over): It's David's new friend on the phone. I think he really likes her.

David: Brilliant.

Helen(voice over): It sounds very exciting.

David: See you at _____. Bye.

Helen: David has a date.

Jane: When?

Helen: Tonight.

Jane: What's her name?

Matt: Julia.

Jane: Julia? ... When did you meet _____?

Matt: Two weeks ago.

David: Do you mind?

Jane: What is it tonight then? Cinema? Theatre? Opera?

Matt: A _____?

David: A restaurant.

Matt: Which one?

David: Hong Kong House. It's Chinese. It's very good.

Matt: It's very _____.

David: It's very good.

Jane: Well, I hope you and...

Matt: Julia.

Jane: Julia. Have a great time.

Helen: I'll come with you. ... Have a nice evening.

David: Bye then.

Matt: Bye.

[David and Julia arrive at the Chinese restaurant.]

David: This is it.

Julia: Oh Chinese. Um... I had a Chinese _____ yesterday. Can we go somewhere else?

David: Where would you like to go?

Julia: I love Italian food. Is there an Italian restaurant near here?

David: I don't know.

Julia: Yes, there is. Marco's. It's about five minutes _____.

David: Marco's. Oh yes, but that's...

Julia: What's the problem?

David: Nothing. Come on.

[David and Julia are sitting in the restaurant.]

Julia: It's really _____ here. Thanks, David.

David: Don't mention it. ... You know, I can speak Italian. Just a little.

Julia: Can you? I can't speak any languages. Say something, Dave.

Waiter: Good evening, sir. Madam.

Julia: Go on.

David: *Buonasera. Potere abbiamo il menù, per favore?*

Waiter: *Ah, molto bene, signore. Vuole vedere la lista dei vini?*

David: Sorry, can you speak more slowly, please?

Waiter: Would you like to see the wine list, sir?

David: Yes, please. *Grazie.* ... What would you like to start? The soup looks nice.

Julia: I think I'd like the truffles.

David: OK, the truffles and... Can I have the soup, please?

Waiter: Yes, sir. Truffles and the soup. ... And for the main course?

Julia: I'd like the lobster.

David: And I'd like the roast _____.

Waiter: To drink?

Julia: How about a bottle of champagne?

Waiter: Sir?

David: The champagne? Yes, a bottle of champagne.

[David and Julia chat over dinner.]

David: It's hard work, but I like my job. It's very interesting. ... And I like playing sports at weekends. Football. Tennis. ... And I like reading. Books. Magazines.

Julia: Really? This is delicious.

David: Can we have the _____, please? Certainly, sir.

Waiter: Thank you very much, sir.

David: What time is your train?

Julia: _____ past ten.

David: Half past ten? It's half past ten now.

Julia: Oh dear. Can you ring for a taxi?

David: A taxi.

Julia: Thanks for a wonderful evening.

David: Don't mention it.

Julia: Good night.

David: Night.

[David speaks to the taxi driver.]

David: How much is it so far?

Taxi Driver: Er, £19.50, sir.

David: But I only have £20. ... Do you take credit cards? _____? American Express?

Taxi Driver: No.

David: A cheque?

Taxi Driver: Sorry, I only take cash, sir. ... Thank you very much indeed, sir. Good night.

David: Thanks very much.

Helen (voice over): So that was David's date with Julia. He got home in time for breakfast.