

## British English: Listening Comprehension 9

### An Old Friend



(5:48)

This video presents an awkward<sup>1</sup> situation. To understand the video, you need to know the meaning of the word fiancée (or fiancé). Both words—the former referring to a female and the latter a male—mean “prometido/a”. Watch the video and answer the questions below. This time, I’d like you to practice creating somewhat longer answers.

#### Answer the questions.

- 1) Where are Matt and Jane at the beginning? \_\_\_\_\_ What word do Brits use when they toast (*brindar*)? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) What is Matt’s problem and how did Jane help him? (Answer in complete sentences.)  
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- 3) Why did Jane’s solution cause problems later? (Answer in a complete sentence.)  
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- 4) You have seen several videos with the same cast. Describe each main character, both physically and in terms of personality.

Character	Physical Description	Description of Personality
Helen		
David		
Jane		
Matt		

<sup>1</sup> **awkward**: clumsy (*torpe*) and/or uncomfortable (*incomodo*)

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

**Helen (voice over):** Our favorite bar is Freud's. We go there a lot, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings.

**Jane:** Thanks, Matt.

**Matt:** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jane:** What time are Helen and David coming?

**Matt:** Half past eight.

**Jane:** Right. ... Hey, \_\_\_\_\_ what? I saw Simon last week.

**Matt:** Really? That isn't very strange. He lives next door.

**Jane:** Oh, ha ha. Very funny. No, I saw him in here. He has very good taste. ... You know, I think he really likes...

**Matt:** Oh no.

**Jane:** What's wrong?

**Matt:** At the bar. Don't look.

Deb (in the distance): Hi Danny! How are you?

Man (in the distance): I'm fine, Deb.

**Jane:** Who is she, Matt?

**Matt:** She was my girlfriend.

**Jane:** Really?

**Matt:** Really.

Deb (in the distance): I love this shirt.

**Jane:** How long were you \_\_\_\_\_?

**Matt:** A month.

**Jane:** Only a month?

**Matt:** It was a very long month.

**Jane:** Right. When did you last see her?

**Matt:** About three years ago. She moved to London. But she sometimes \_\_\_\_\_ me at work.

**Jane:** So, she still likes you?

**Matt:** Unfortunately, yes.

**Deb:** Matt!

**Matt:** Oh, Jane. Help!

**Deb:** Mattie, how \_\_\_\_\_!

**Matt:** Deb.

**Deb:** How long is it? Three years. You still have beautiful eyes. You are happy to see me, \_\_\_\_\_, Mattie?

**Jane:** Hello. My name's Jane.

**Deb:** Sorry?

**Matt:** Jane is my...

**Jane:** Fiancée. Pleased to meet you.

**Deb:** Fiancée? ... I didn't know you were \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt:** Didn't you?

**Deb:** When did you get engaged?

**Jane (at the same time as Matt):** About six months ago.

**Matt (at the same time as Jane):** ... six weeks ago. ... months ago.

**Deb:** Where did you meet?

**Jane (at the same time as Matt):** On the internet.

**Matt (at the same time as Jane):** At a club.

**Jane:** We met in a \_\_\_\_\_ room on the internet, and then we met face-to-face at a club.

**Matt:** Yeah, right. ... Yes, that's right. It was at a club.

**Jane:** And we fell in love, didn't we Matt?

**Matt:** Yes, we did. I was very \_\_\_\_\_ at first, but Matt was wonderful.

**Deb:** And when did you get engaged?

**Jane:** On the 18th of March.

**Matt:** Er, no, it was on the 19th. Don't you remember?

**Jane:** Oh yes, you're right, darling.

**Deb:** Where's the \_\_\_\_\_?

**Matt:** Sorry?

**Deb:** Didn't you buy an engagement ring? For Jane?

**Jane:** He did!

**Matt:** I did? I did!

**Jane:** But I don't \_\_\_\_\_ it. Because it's a secret.

**Matt:** Nobody knows we're engaged!

**Jane:** Now, who wants a drink?

**Deb:** No, thank you.

**Matt:** Same again, please. Darling.

**Deb:** Matt, I can't believe it. You're engaged. I thought...

**Matt:** Yeah, sorry about that, Deb. Don't tell anybody about Jane. It is a secret.

[Helen and David arrive.]

**Helen:** Oh, no.

**David:** What is it?

**Helen:** Look at Matt.

**David:** He's with Deb.

**Helen:** Poor Matt. He really didn't want to see her again.

**David:** Yeah, poor Matt.

**Helen:** Come on, let's go and help him. ... David? He needs our help. ... Hello Deb, how are you?

**Deb:** Hello, uh, Helen?

**David:** Hi.

**Deb:** Hi.

**Helen:** Did you tell Deb our \_\_\_\_\_?

**Matt:** What news?

**Helen:** Matt, really? Matt and I are engaged. ... What is it?

**Jane:** Hi everybody. What's the \_\_\_\_\_? ... Is something wrong, darling?

**Deb:** So, you're engaged to Matt? And Jane is...

**David:** Jane's with me.

**Deb:** But I thought...

**Matt:** Would anyone like a drink?

**Helen (voice over):** Jane and I told Matt it's okay to have two fiancées, but he can only \_\_\_\_\_  
one of us.