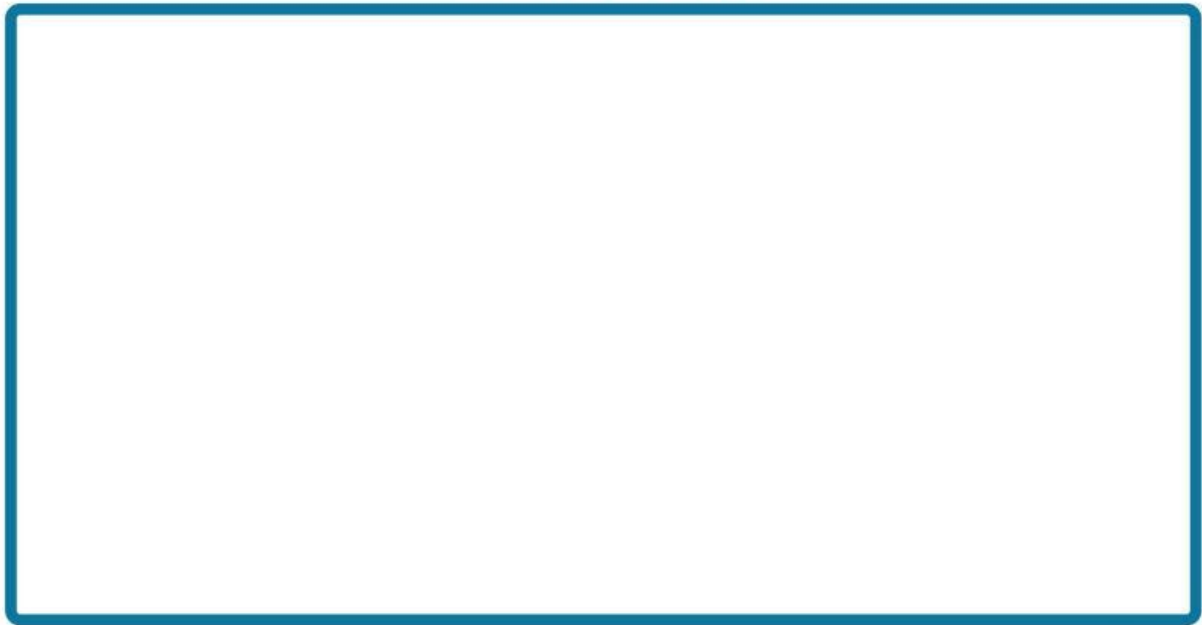


## British English: Listening Comprehension 11

### Change of a Dress



(5:22)

There is no additional lesson to accompany this video, but there is some vocabulary to review—some words, but in particular expressions, that may be new to you.

#### Vocabulary

- “You’re joking” —used to express incredulity about someone’s claims; *¡No me digas!*
- gosh—used to express surprise or give emphasis; *caramba*
- get a move on—means to hurry; *dale prisa*
- “I have no idea.”—a stronger, more emphatic alternative to “I don’t know”; *ni idea*
- “Watch (out)! ” —used as a warning to immediately avoid a danger or problem; *ten cuidado*
- “I’m afraid.” —used to express polite or formal apology or regret; *me temo que*
- label—a small piece of paper or fabric attached to an object and giving information about it; *etiqueta*
- “Nevermind.”— used to tell someone not to worry, that something doesn’t matter, or to disregard a previous statement; *no importa*
- “Hang on.” —wait for a short time; *espera un momento*
- try on—put on an item of clothing to see if it fits or suits one; *probarse algo*
- “(I’m) sorry.”—(in the context of the video) a respectful way to ask for clarification; *perdon*
- changing room—a small room or cubicle in a clothes shop where customers can try on clothes before deciding whether to purchase them; *vestuario*
- “What’s wrong?”— used to ask about a problem or source of distress; *¿Qué pasa?*
- second-hand—having had a previous owner / not new; *de segunda mano*
- charity shop—a shop where second-hand goods are sold to raise money for a charity; *tienda de segunda mano*
- head for—to move in a specific direction or toward a destination, often with purpose or urgency; *dirigirse a*

**Watch the video and answer the following questions.**

- 1) Who is Allison? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Why is she visiting the housemates? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Where will the party be? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) What happened to the dress? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) How much did Helen pay for the dress? \_\_\_\_\_ How much did Allison pay? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Summarize—in several complete sentences—the events in the video.  
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- 7) Below is a transcript of the video. Listen again—just the audio below—and fill in the blanks.

**Helen:** So where are we having the party?

**Allison:** On a \_\_\_\_\_.

**Jane:** You're joking!

**Helen (voice over):** Jane's sister, Alison, is staying for the weekend. She's going to an engagement party for Tom and Zoe, two old friends of hers.

**Jane:** \_\_\_\_\_ like fun. What are you going to wear?

**Allison:** I bought a new dress. It's really lovely.

**Helen:** Can we see it?

**Allison:** Sure.

**Helen:** Oh, that's beautiful.

**Allison:** Do you really think so?

**Jane:** You're going to look fantastic.

**Allison:** Oh, thanks. ... Oh gosh, I've got to get a move on.

**Jane:** Where are you going?

**Allison:** I'm going into town to buy a present for Tom and Zoe.

**Jane:** What are you going to get them?

**Allison:** I've no idea. Something romantic. See you later.

**Jane:** Bye.

**Helen:** Bye.

**Jane:** What are you doing?

**Helen:** Nothing.

**Matt:** Hi.

**David:** Is that another new dress?

**Helen:** It's not mine.

**David:** \_\_\_\_\_ is it?

**Jane:** It's Alison's.

**Matt:** It's quite nice.

**Helen:** Quite nice? It's wonderful.

**Matt:** What's it made of?

**Helen:** Watch that ball! Ah, no!

[Jane tries washing the dress.]

**Jane:** It's no good, I'm afraid. The stain's not \_\_\_\_\_ out.

**Helen:** What am I going to do? Alison's going to be really upset.

**David:** Buy another dress.

**Helen:** What does the label say?

**Jane:** New York, Paris, Milan. I think it's very expensive.

**Matt:** Why?

**David:** Never mind.

**Helen:** OK, let's go and get another dress.

**Matt:** All of us?

**Helen:** This is an emergency, Matt.

[The group is on the street to go shopping.]

**Helen:** Okay, Jane, you go with Matt, take the shops on the left. I'll go with David; we'll \_\_\_\_\_ the shops on the right. Have you got all the details?

**Allison:** Hi, everyone.

**Helen:** Alison. Oh, hi.

What's she doing?

**Helen:** We're planning our shopping.

**Allison:** Okay.

**Helen:** See you \_\_\_\_\_ at the house.

**Allison:** Yeah, right. Bye.

**Helen:** Have you got your mobiles? ... Good luck.

[Helen and David are in a shop.]

**Helen:** Any news from Jane and Matt?

**David:** No.

**Helen:** This is hopeless.

**David:** What about this one?

**Helen:** It's too small.

**David:** This one looks bigger.

**Helen:** It's the wrong kind of white.

**David:** The wrong kind of white?

**Helen:** David, look. That dress is almost exactly the same as Alison's.

**Woman in shop:** Excuse me.

**Helen:** Oh, no. She's going to buy it.

**David:** Hang on.

**Shop Assistant:** Can I help you?

**Woman in shop:** Yes. Can I try this on, please?

**David:** Excuse me. I don't think it's white \_\_\_\_\_.

**Woman in shop:** I'm sorry.

**David:** I think this one's much better.

**Woman in shop:** Oh, really?

**David:** Yeah, really. It's very nice. Can she try it on? Yes. The changing room's up there.

**Helen:** I'll take it. \_\_\_\_\_ the others.

**David:** OK.

**Helen:** How much is it?

**Shop Assistant:** £250.

**Helen:** Can I pay by American Express?

**Shop Assistant:** Of course.

**David:** Jane, we got one. ... Yes, we're going home now. See you later.

[The group is back at the house.]

**Jane:** Wow, that's perfect.

**Matt:** How much was it?

**David:** £250.

**Matt:** £250?

**Jane:** It's Alison.

**Allison:** Hi. What's wrong?



**Helen:** Er, I had an \_\_\_\_\_ with your dress, so I bought another one for you for tonight.

**Allison:** Oh, thank you.

**Helen:** It's almost the same as yours.

**Allison:** Oh, this dress is much more beautiful. It's gorgeous. The other one only cost £10.

**David:** £10?

**Allison:** Yes. I got it second-hand from a charity shop.

**Helen (voice over):** Next time, Helen, forget Paris, Milan and New York. Head \_\_\_\_\_ for a charity shop.