

# **RULES FOR LIFE**

## **1. ELLIE**

### Vocabulary:

- *Definitely* – точно
- *Unfortunately* – к сожалению
- *For being hurt* – за причинение вреда, боли
- *Human beings* – люди, человечество

## **2. DAN**

### Vocabulary:

- *To moan* – ныть
- *To pray to God* – молиться Богу
- *To answer someone's prayers* – отвечать на чьи-то мольбы
- *To complain* – жаловаться
- *Patience* – терпение
- *To be fed up with* – сыт по горло
- *To do one's bit* – вносить свою лепту, делать свою работу

## **3. AMANDA**

### Vocabulary:

- *Kind of hate* – своего рода ненависть, вроде как ненавижу
- *To live life forward* – проживать жизнь
- *Desperately* – отчаянно
- *To get it all right* – наладить, расставить все по своим местам

## **4. MARK**

### Vocabulary:

- *To switch over* – переключать, переходить
- *Ancient* – древний
- *To walk over* – пройтись
- *To click* – нажимать
- *Though* – хотя
- *Hilarious* – забавный, уморительный
- *To seem* – казаться, создавать впечатление
- *Certain* – определенный



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1 **Ellie** Oh, I love this quote so much! I think about it every time I'm on the dance floor! It's definitely the best way to have a good time! And really, other people aren't that interested in how *I'm* dancing, are they? They're all worrying about how well *they're* dancing! Now, ... the bit about loving ... mmm, that's easier said than done! It's a lovely idea, but unfortunately human beings do have a very long memory for being hurt! And ... the singing bit ... I can do that, no problem... in the shower! I know my family can hear me singing, but ... they never complain – probably 'cos they're even worse singers than I am!

2 **Dan** It makes me smile, that quote. I'd heard it before actually, as a joke, about this man, Michael. He's very religious, but ... he's always moaning while he's praying to God, and complaining that his prayers are never answered. He keeps saying, 'Look God, you don't have to answer *all* my prayers, but how about just this one thing? I mean, it happens to *someone* every week, so why can't it be me?' After years of this, God finally loses his patience and speaks to the man. 'Michael, you've got to help me out here... Just buy a ticket, will you?!" It's good, because it shows that, when we moan about our lives, and say we're fed up with the way things are, we can't just sit and wait for new opportunities to come to us. We've got to do our bit, too.

3 **Amanda** Oh, I know that one – it's a quote from Kierkegaard, the philosopher. I kind of hate it actually, because it's one of the things I find most difficult about life. I mean, ... you learn lessons from what you've done wrong, but you can't go back and do it again, and do it better. So, yes, as he says, we *have* to live life forwards – but, I'm sorry, sometimes I can't help desperately wishing I *could* go back and do something again, ... and get it all right!

4 **Mark** Both of these quotes really make me laugh! That one is actually true, ... if I see that the remote is on the other armchair, I will sometimes stay with a programme longer, and I might then change my mind about switching over! And it says something about modern life ... the amount of choice we have, and how easy it is to keep switching from one thing to another. I'm just ancient enough to remember when there were only three or four TV channels, and you had to walk over to the TV to change them – so you didn't very often! And the Internet doesn't help – "oh, I'm bored with this article, click, here's something else ... mmmm, I'm getting bored again ... click! I think this other quote is my favourite, though ... it's hilarious. Things do seem to go a certain way on different days, don't they? And I'm *certainly* having a statue day today!

