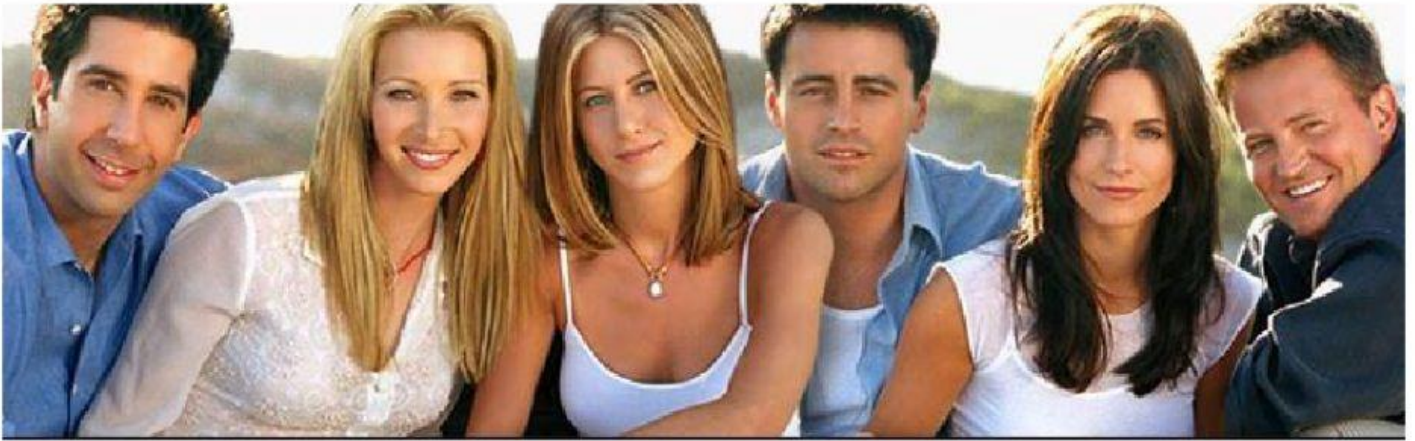


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Pre-viewing tasks

1. Listen to the song and say if you know what you are going to watch.
2. Match the name to the characters. Ask your teacher or classmates if you don't know them.

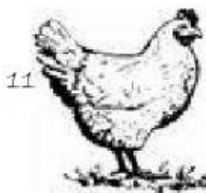
Joey Phoebe Monica Ross Rachel Chandler



3. Match the nouns to their pictures. Then say if they are countable, uncountable or both.



- a. Pea
- b. Plum
- c. Carrot
- d. Bite
- e. Jar
- f. Food
- g. Children
- h. Plan
- i. Puzzle
- j. Hair
- k. Wine
- l. Glass
- m. Chicken
- n. Money





Section 1: The plan

4. Tick what you hear or see

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| ☐ Great food | ☐ They are perfect for each other |
| ☐ Joey checks the refrigerator | ☐ Anything else? |
| ☐ Phoebe phones someone | ☐ Phoebe and Joey laugh. |
| ☐ They should be a family | ☐ Great idea! |

5. What's the meaning of the expressions in bold and underlined? Choose the best option.

Phoebe: Hey.

Joey: Hey. I was just gonna get something to eat. You want something?

Phoebe: What you got?

Joey: Okay, let's see, we got strained peas, strained carrots... Ooh! Strained plums. We haven't tried that yet.

Phoebe: Goodie! Thanks. So, how is it living with Rachel again? I mean, apart from the great food.

Joey: I'm fine, I'm fine, it's just, it's just weird what's happening with her and Ross. You know, yesterday he asked me to **fix him up with somebody**.

- to repair or change something in order to improve it
- to find a romantic partner for someone
- to fasten something in position so that it cannot move

Phoebe: Oh my god, Rachel asked me if I knew anyone for her too.

Joey: Why are they doing this?

Phoebe: I don't know. They're so perfect for each other; it's crazy.

Joey: You know what's crazy? These jars. What is it, like two bites in here?

Phoebe: I just wish they'd realize they should be together.

Joey: I know, I know. And when they moved back in together, I figured y'know, that's where things were headed.

Phoebe: I know. They should be a family. They should get married and have more children.

Joey: Yes, and they should name one of their kids Joey. I may not have kids; someone's gotta carry on **the family name**.

- the name that you share with other members of your family; last name
- a drawing that shows the relationships between the different members of a family, especially over a long period of time
- a family unit which includes grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts and uncles, etc. in addition to parents and children

Phoebe: You know what? Maybe once they start **dating**, and they see what's out there, they'll realize how good they are for each other.

- numbered day in a month, often given with a combination of the name of the day, the month and the year
- to regularly spend time with someone you have a romantic relationship with
- to stop being fashionable or become old-fashioned, or to show the age of a person or thing

Joey: Yeah, because it is **slim pickings**. I had this date last night: Yuck! But we should probably keep it down; she's still in the bedroom.

- (especially of people) attractively thin
- to try to get thinner by eating less food and taking more exercise
- lack of success in obtaining or achieving something

Phoebe: So, what are we gonna do? Are we just gonna go ahead and set them up with people?

- a. to provide someone or something with all the necessary things for a particular activity or period of time
- b. to trick someone in order to make them do something, or in order to make them seem guilty of something that they have not done
- c. arrange a meeting for other people than yourself

Joey: I know; that just pushes them further and further apart.

Phoebe: Yeah. Oh, I know what we can do. We could set Ross and Rachel up on horrible dates, so that they'll realize how good they are together.

Joey: Ooh, that's a great plan!

Phoebe: Yeah, you know what the best part of it is? I get to do my "plan-laugh."

Joey: Shhh! Not so loud, we don't wanna wake up, uh...

6. What is the main idea of the first section?

- a. Phoebe and Joey are eating.
- b. Phoebe and Joey are planning to go out.
- c. Phoebe and Joey are talking about Joey's romantic life.
- d. Phoebe and Joey are planning to help Ross and Rachel go back together.

7. Do you think it will work? Why/Why not?

Section 2: Ross's date

8. Put the dialogue in order. Then check.

- ___ Ross: Yeah, it's no big deal. It's just a blind date.
- ___ Waiter: Are you worried your date came, saw you, and left?
- ___ Ross: Well, if I'm still here in an hour, buy him a drink on me.
- ___ Waiter: Uh, there's a drunk Chinese guy.
- ___ Ross: Nah, I don't know if I should. I don't wanna be drunk when I go home alone.
- ___ Ross: Excuse me, is there a woman waiting at the bar? Someone average height, dark hair, perhaps doing a puzzle?
- ___ Waiter: Got stood up, huh?
- ___ Ross: No!
- ___ Waiter: Can I get you another glass of wine?

9. What's the meaning of 'got stood up'?

Section 3: Rachel's date

10. Classify these nouns into positive, negative or neutral

Beautiful, funny looking, average height, to be sweet, good-looking, funny

11. Watch without audio. What do you think is happening? Watch the section and check your predictions.



12. Watch again and fill in the blanks

- Rachel: Wow, everything looks so good! I think I'm gonna have the chicken.
- Steve: I - I just have to say this; you're really beautiful.
- Rachel: Oh, well, that's - that's very sweet. Thank you.
- Steve: I'm kind of ¹ _____.
- Rachel: What?
- Steve: Oh, come on, you're way ² _____. Everybody in here knows it. Bet that guy over there's probably saying, "ooh, why she out with him? He must be rich!" Well, I'm not!
- Rachel: So, what do think you wanna order? I'm really excited about that chicken.
- Steve: I'm not funny either. So, if you were thinking, "well, he's not that ³ _____, but maybe we'll have some laughs"... That ain't gonna happen.
- Rachel: Well, come on, Steve; let's not rule out nervous laughter. Hey, now wait a minute. Phoebe told me that - that you ⁴ _____ your own restaurant. That's impressive.
- Steve: I lost it. To drugs.
I silk-screen t-shirts now.
- Rachel: Really? What's that like?
- Steve: It's really fulfilling doing something you hate for no money. That's right. I have ⁵ _____.
I'm not funny, I live in a studio apartment with two other guys, and I'm pretty sure I'm infertile.
- Rachel: Now, come on, come on, Steve. There must be something that you like about yourself.
- Steve: I do like my hair.
- Rachel: Really?

Section 4: The end

13. Watch half the screen and decide what is happening on the other half.

14. Watch for the first time and check your predictions.

15. Who said this?

- a) _____: Hey, what's wrong?
- b) _____: I just had a rough night.
- c) _____: Monica told me you had a blind date.
- d) _____: But is it technically a date if the other person doesn't show up?
- e) _____: Oh, oh no. Do you think she walked in, saw you and left?
- f) _____: Why does everyone keep saying that?
- g) _____: Female body inspector? What size is that?
- h) _____: Oh my god! Look, it's Ross and Rachel. Oh, the plan is working.
- i) _____: The first date we've had in months, and they were both such disasters.
- j) _____: We're geniuses! Yeah, look at them, look at them, they're really bonding.
- k) _____: Oh, they see us! Oh, they, they look mad. Oh, they figured it out. They're coming this way. Run!



Post-viewing activities:

1. Was the plan successful?
2. Did Ross and Rachel get back together?
3. What would you do if you were stood up?
4. What would you do if you had a blind date like Rachel's?