Daily English Chat

Family Pressure to Get Married

Level: A2
Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnMB-fO4aBc

Conversation 1: The Blind Date

1 **Mom:** Elsa, can you **look at** this photo?

2 **Elsa:** **What is it**, Mom?

3 **Mom:** He is Mrs. Smith's **son**.

4 **Elsa:** Oh, no. **Not again**.

5 **Mom:** He is 32 and very **successful**.

6 **Elsa:** I am **not interested**, Mom.

7 **Mom:** But you didn't **even** look at him.

8 **Elsa:** I don't want a **blind date**.

9 **Mom:** You are 30 **years old**, Elsa.

10 **Elsa:** I know **exactly** how old I am.

11 **Mom:** Most of your friends are **married**.

12 **Elsa:** That is **their life**, not mine.

13 **Mom:** I just want you to **be happy**.

14 **Elsa:** I am happy **right now**.

15 **Mom:** You need a good man to **take care of** you.

16 **Elsa:** I can take care of **myself**.

17 **Mom:** It is **too lonely** to live alone.

18 **Elsa:** I have a great job and **good friends**.

19 **Mom:** But you **come home** to an empty room.

20 **Elsa:** I like **the quiet**.

21 **Mom:** Just **meet him** for one coffee.

22 **Elsa:** Please, Mom, **stop pushing** me.

23 **Mom:** I am just **trying to help**.

24 **Elsa:** This does not help me. It **stresses me out**.

25 **Mom:** Why are you so **stubborn**?

26 **Elsa:** Because I want to find love **naturally**.

27 **Mom:** Natural love **takes too much time**.

28 **Elsa:** **I don't care** how long it takes.

29 **Mom:** You will be **too old** soon.

30 **Elsa:** 30 is **not old**, Mom.

31 **Mom:** Just one dinner. Please **do it for me**.

32 **Elsa:** No. **My answer is no**.

33 **Mom:** You make me **very sad**.

34 **Elsa:** And you make me **very tired**.

35 **Mom:** I will **leave** the photo on the table.

36 **Elsa:** I will just **throw it away**.

37 **Mom:** **Think about it**, please.

38 **Elsa:** I need to **go to my room** now.

39 **Mom:** We will **talk about this later**.

40 **Elsa:** There is **nothing to talk about**.

Conversation 2: The Family Pressure

41 **Dad:** Elsa, your mother is **upset**.

42 **Elsa:** I know **she is**.

43 **Dad:** She just **worries about** your future.

44 **Elsa:** **I wish** she would stop worrying.

45 **Dad:** We both want you to **have a family**.

46 **Elsa:** A family is a big **responsibility**.

47 **Dad:** Yes, but it is **a beautiful thing**.

48 **Elsa:** I am **not ready for** marriage, Dad.

49 **Dad:** **When will you be ready**?

50 **Elsa:** I don't know. **Maybe never**.

51 **Dad:** **Don't say that**, sweetie.

52 **Elsa:** I'm just **being honest**.

53 **Dad:** A woman should have **a husband and children**.

54 **Elsa:** That is **an old way of thinking**.

55 **Dad:** It is **the natural way** of life.

56 **Elsa:** **Everyone's life is different**, Dad.

57 **Dad:** Don't you want to hear a child **call you** Mom?

58 **Elsa:** **Maybe one day**, but not today.

59 **Dad:** Your mother and I are **getting older**.

60 **Elsa:** I know. **I can see that**.

61 **Dad:** We want to see our **grandchildren**.

62 **Elsa:** That is **too much pressure** for me.

63 **Dad:** It is not pressure. **It is love**.

64 **Elsa:** It feels like **a heavy burden**.

65 **Dad:** We just want **the best for you**.

66 **Elsa:** But **what if** the best is staying single?

67 **Dad:** You will **regret it** when you are 50.

68 **Elsa:** I will **take that risk**.

69 **Dad:** Why is it **so hard** to talk to you?

70 **Elsa:** Because you don't **listen to** my feelings.

71 **Dad:** We listen, but we have more **life experience**.

72 **Elsa:** This is my life. **Let me live it**.

73 **Dad:** We're **running out of time**, Elsa.

74 **Elsa:** I need some air. I'm **going for a walk**.

75 **Dad:** **Where are you going**?

76 **Elsa:** Just to the park. I need to **be alone**.

77 **Dad:** Don't **stay out** too late.

78 **Elsa:** I will **be back** later.

79 **Dad:** Please **think about** what I said.

80 **Elsa:** I will. **Goodbye**, Dad.

Conversation 3: A Chance Meeting

81 **Leo:** Excuse me. **Is this seat taken**?

82 **Elsa:** No, you can **sit here**.

83 **Leo:** Thank you. It is **a beautiful evening**.

84 **Elsa:** Yes, it is **very nice**.

85 **Leo:** I **noticed** you were sitting here alone.

86 **Elsa:** I just needed some **quiet time**.

87 **Leo:** **Are you okay**? You look a bit sad.

88 **Elsa:** I am fine. Just **a long day**.

89 **Leo:** Sometimes a long walk helps **clear the mind**.

90 **Elsa:** **That is why** I am here.

91 **Leo:** Family problems or **work problems**?

92 **Elsa:** A little bit of **family pressure**.

93 **Leo:** Ah, I understand. Families can be **difficult** sometimes.

94 **Elsa:** They want me to **get married**, but I don't want to.

95 **Leo:** Marriage is a very **big step**.

96 **Elsa:** Exactly. But they think I am **running out of time**.

97 **Leo:** There is no **time limit** on finding the right person.

98 **Elsa:** That is **exactly what** I told them.

99 **Leo:** Some people **find love** at 20, some at 40.

100 **Elsa:** It is hard when everyone **judges** you.

101 **Leo:** You should live life **at your own pace**.

102 **Elsa:** Thank you. I really **needed to hear that** today.

103 **Leo:** I'm Leo, **by the way**.

104 **Elsa:** I'm Elsa. **Nice to meet you**, Leo.

105 **Leo:** Nice to meet you, **too**, Elsa.

106 **Elsa:** You are a very good **listener**.

107 **Leo:** I just think people should **follow their own hearts**.

108 **Elsa:** It is **better to wait** for real love.

109 **Leo:** Yes, **rushing into** marriage is a bad idea.

110 **Elsa:** My parents just want to **see grandchildren**.

111 **Leo:** They **mean well**, but it's your choice.

112 **Elsa:** I **feel much better** after talking to you.

113 **Leo:** I am **glad I could help** a little.

114 **Elsa:** It's nice to **talk to a stranger** sometimes.

115 **Leo:** Well, if you ever **need to talk**, I come to this park often.

116 **Elsa:** **What time** do you usually come?

117 **Leo:** **Usually around** 6:00 with my coffee.

118 **Elsa:** Maybe I will **see you here again**.

119 **Leo:** I would **really like that**, Elsa.

120 **Elsa:** **Have a good evening**, Leo.