Daily English Chat

Mom Dislikes My Girlfriend

Level: A2
Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ci74l1zICeE

Conversation 1: The Argument

1 **Mom:** Erik, can we **talk about** last night?

2 **Erik:** Sure, Mom. **What is it**?

3 **Mom:** I want to talk about your **girlfriend**, Chloe.

4 **Erik:** Did you **like** her?

5 **Mom:** **To be honest**, I am very worried.

6 **Erik:** **Worried about** what?

7 **Mom:** Her clothes were **too flashy** for a family dinner.

8 **Erik:** She just wanted to **look nice**.

9 **Mom:** A short red dress is **not nice** for dinner.

10 **Erik:** It is **just fashion**, Mom.

11 **Mom:** And her family, they are very **different from** us.

12 **Erik:** They are very **kind** people.

13 **Mom:** But **nobody** in her family went to college.

14 **Erik:** **Education** is not everything.

15 **Mom:** Education is **very important**, Erik.

16 **Erik:** Her father has a **successful** bakery.

17 **Mom:** That is good. But they don't talk about **the world**.

18 **Mom:** They just talk about **simple things**.

19 **Mom:** I **noticed** some bad signs last night.

20 **Erik:** What signs are you **talking about**?

21 **Mom:** Chloe talked loudly and **checked her phone** a lot.

22 **Erik:** She was just **nervous**.

23 **Mom:** A **polite** person does not do that.

24 **Erik:** You are being **too strict**.

25 **Mom:** I am your mother. I want a **good wife** for you.

26 **Erik:** Chloe is a **good woman**.

27 **Mom:** She does not **match** our family style.

28 **Erik:** I love her, Mom. That is **what matters**.

29 **Mom:** Love is **not enough** for a long marriage.

30 **Erik:** We are **happy together**.

31 **Mom:** I think you are **making a mistake**.

32 **Erik:** I am **32 years old**, Mom.

33 **Mom:** You are still my son. I must **warn** you.

34 **Erik:** Please give her **another chance**.

35 **Mom:** I don't know, Erik. My **feeling** is not good.

36 **Erik:** You just need to **know her better**.

37 **Mom:** Maybe, but I am **not happy** right now.

38 **Erik:** Let's talk about this **tomorrow**.

39 **Mom:** Fine. **Think about** what I said.

40 **Erik:** I will. **Good night**, Mom.

Conversation 2: Father's Advice

41 **Dad:** Erik, do you **have a minute**?

42 **Erik:** Yes, Dad. What is it?

43 **Dad:** Your mother is very **upset** today.

44 **Erik:** I know. We had a **big argument**.

45 **Dad:** She **told me about** Chloe and her family.

46 **Erik:** Do you **agree with** Mom?

47 **Dad:** I think your mother is a little too **harsh**.

48 **Erik:** **Thank you**, Dad. Chloe is great.

49 **Dad:** But your mother **has a point**.

50 **Erik:** **What do you mean**?

51 **Dad:** Marriage is **joining** two families together.

52 **Erik:** I am **marrying** Chloe, not her family.

53 **Dad:** But **family background** shapes a person.

54 **Erik:** Chloe is very smart and **hardworking**.

55 **Dad:** Your mother **cares about** education and manners.

56 **Erik:** Chloe has **manners**. She was just anxious.

57 **Dad:** The red dress was **a bit too much**.

58 **Erik:** I **bought** that dress for her birthday.

59 **Dad:** Oh, your mother **doesn't know** that.

60 **Erik:** I **should** tell her.

61 **Dad:** No, that might **make it worse**.

62 **Erik:** So, **what should I do**?

63 **Dad:** You need to **be patient with** your mother.

64 **Erik:** It is hard when she **judges** Chloe.

65 **Dad:** Mothers always **worry about** their sons.

66 **Erik:** I know, but I am an **adult**.

67 **Dad:** Are you sure Chloe is **the one**?

68 **Erik:** Yes, Dad. I am **very sure**.

69 **Dad:** Then you must **prove it** to us.

70 **Erik:** **How can I** do that?

71 **Dad:** Bring her here for a **quiet lunch**. Just the four of us.

72 **Erik:** No big **family meeting**.

73 **Dad:** Exactly. Let your mother **see the real** Chloe.

74 **Erik:** That is **a very good idea**.

75 **Dad:** **Give it some time**. Don't push too hard.

76 **Erik:** I will listen to your **advice**.

77 **Dad:** We love you, Erik. We want you to be **safe**.

78 **Erik:** I **love you both**, too.

79 **Dad:** Talk to Chloe. See **how she feels**.

80 **Erik:** I will **call her** right now.

Conversation 3: Trying Again

81 **Erik:** Hey Chloe, **how are you** today?

82 **Chloe:** I am okay, but yesterday was **stressful**.

83 **Erik:** I know. I am **sorry about** that.

84 **Chloe:** Did your mother **hate** me?

85 **Erik:** Hate is a **strong word**.

86 **Chloe:** She looked at me very **coldly**.

87 **Erik:** She is just very **traditional**.

88 **Chloe:** Was my dress **too flashy**?

89 **Erik:** Well, my mom **prefers** quiet colors.

90 **Chloe:** I knew it. I **felt out of place**.

91 **Erik:** My family is **a bit too serious**.

92 **Chloe:** Your parents asked **a lot of questions** about my family.

93 **Erik:** They just want to **know you**.

94 **Chloe:** I **felt bad** because my parents didn't go to university.

95 **Erik:** You don't need to **feel bad about** that.

96 **Chloe:** My parents **work hard**. They are good people.

97 **Erik:** I know they are. I **like them a lot**.

98 **Chloe:** But your mother didn't seem **impressed**.

99 **Erik:** She needs time to **adjust**.

100 **Chloe:** **What if** she never accepts me?

101 **Erik:** We'll **cross that bridge** when we come to it.

102 **Chloe:** I don't want to **cause problems** in your family.

103 **Erik:** You are not a **problem**, Chloe. You are my girlfriend.

104 **Chloe:** Do you think we are **too different**?

105 **Erik:** Our **backgrounds** are different, but our hearts are the same.

106 **Chloe:** That is very **sweet**, Erik.

107 **Erik:** My dad **suggested** a small lunch.

108 **Chloe:** Just us and **your parents**?

109 **Erik:** Yes, a quiet lunch **next weekend**.

110 **Chloe:** I'm a little **nervous about** that.

111 **Erik:** Don't be nervous. Just **be yourself**.

112 **Chloe:** I will **wear** a simple dress this time.

113 **Erik:** Wear **whatever** makes you comfortable.

114 **Chloe:** I want to **make a good impression**.

115 **Erik:** You always make a good impression **on me**.

116 **Chloe:** Thank you for **supporting** me, Erik.

117 **Erik:** We're a team. We'll **get through** this.

118 **Chloe:** Okay. Let's **have lunch with** them next week.

119 **Erik:** I'll tell my dad. Everything **will be fine**.

120 **Chloe:** **I hope so**. I really do.