Daily English Chat

Roommate Conflict

Level: A2
Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8jzx7jSc6kA

Conversation 1: The Messy Kitchen

1 **Sarah:** Mia, **are you home**?

2 **Mia:** Yes, I am in the **living room**.

3 **Sarah:** I just **got back from work**.

4 **Mia:** **Welcome home**. How was your day?

5 **Sarah:** My day was fine, but **look at this** kitchen.

6 **Mia:** Oh, I made some pasta **earlier**.

7 **Sarah:** There are **dirty dishes** everywhere.

8 **Mia:** I know. I will **wash them later**.

9 **Sarah:** You **always say** 'later', Mia.

10 **Mia:** I am watching my **favorite show** right now.

11 **Sarah:** The **trash can** is completely full, too.

12 **Mia:** Oh, I **didn't notice** that.

13 **Sarah:** It **smells very bad** in here.

14 **Mia:** Really? I **don't smell anything**.

15 **Sarah:** **Whose turn** is it to take out the trash?

16 **Mia:** I think **it is my turn**.

17 **Sarah:** Yes, it is. **Since Tuesday**.

18 **Mia:** I am sorry. I **forgot about** it.

19 **Sarah:** I am **very tired**, Mia.

20 **Mia:** Just **leave the dishes**. I will do them.

21 **Sarah:** I cannot cook dinner **in this mess**.

22 **Mia:** You can **order a pizza** tonight.

23 **Sarah:** I don't want to **spend money on** pizza.

24 **Mia:** Okay, I will **clean the kitchen** now.

25 **Sarah:** Please do it. I need a **clean space**.

26 **Mia:** Give me **five more minutes**, please.

27 **Sarah:** No, Mia, you need to do it **right now**.

28 **Mia:** Why are you **so angry**?

29 **Sarah:** Because I clean this apartment **every single day**.

30 **Mia:** That is **not true**, Sarah.

31 **Sarah:** Yes, it is true. I **swept the floor** this morning.

32 **Mia:** I **cleaned the bathroom** last week.

33 **Sarah:** Last week? That was **10 days ago**.

34 **Mia:** Okay. Okay. I am **standing up**.

35 **Sarah:** Thank you. Please **take out the trash** first.

36 **Mia:** Fine. Where are the **trash bags**?

37 **Sarah:** They are **under the sink**.

38 **Mia:** I found them. I'm **taking it out** now.

39 **Sarah:** I **appreciate it**. I will wait in my room.

40 **Mia:** I will **be quick**.

Conversation 2: The Cleaning Schedule

41 **Sarah:** Mia, can we **talk for a minute**?

42 **Mia:** Sure. I **finished cleaning** the kitchen.

43 **Sarah:** Thank you. It **looks much better**.

44 **Mia:** What do you want to **talk about**?

45 **Sarah:** We need to talk about our **cleaning schedule**.

46 **Mia:** I thought **we had a schedule**.

47 **Sarah:** We do, but it is **not working**.

48 **Mia:** Why is it not working?

49 **Sarah:** Because you do not **follow the schedule**.

50 **Mia:** I **try my best**, Sarah.

51 **Sarah:** I do 80% of the **housework**.

52 **Mia:** I am a **college student**. I'm busy.

53 **Sarah:** I have a **full-time job**. I am busy, too.

54 **Mia:** But I have **big exams** this week.

55 **Sarah:** You still need to **clean up** your own mess.

56 **Mia:** I said I was **sorry about** the dishes.

57 **Sarah:** It is **not just** the dishes.

58 **Mia:** **What else** did I do?

59 **Sarah:** Your clothes are **all over** the sofa.

60 **Mia:** I **left my jacket** there yesterday.

61 **Sarah:** And your shoes are **blocking the door**.

62 **Mia:** Okay, I will **put my shoes away**.

63 **Sarah:** **Living together** is teamwork, Mia.

64 **Mia:** I know. **You're right**.

65 **Sarah:** I **feel like** your mother sometimes.

66 **Mia:** Please **don't say that**.

67 **Sarah:** Then you need to **act like an adult**.

68 **Mia:** I am an adult. I just **forget things**.

69 **Sarah:** When the house is **messy**, I feel stressed.

70 **Mia:** I don't want you to **feel stressed**.

71 **Sarah:** Then we must **share the chores** equally, Mia.

72 **Mia:** 50-50. **Half and half**.

73 **Sarah:** Yes, **that is fair**.

74 **Mia:** How do we **fix this problem**?

75 **Sarah:** We need **a new rule**.

76 **Mia:** **What kind of** rule?

77 **Sarah:** A very **simple and clear** rule.

78 **Mia:** Okay, **tell me your idea**.

79 **Sarah:** We **write everything down** on a paper.

80 **Mia:** That sounds like **a good start**.

Conversation 3: New House Rules

81 **Sarah:** Let's make a new **cleaning list**.

82 **Mia:** Okay, I will get a **pen and paper**.

83 **Sarah:** First rule, **wash your own dishes**.

84 **Mia:** Wash them **immediately after eating**.

85 **Sarah:** Yes, **no more** dirty dishes in the sink.

86 **Mia:** I agree. That is **a good rule**.

87 **Sarah:** Second rule, the living room.

88 **Mia:** We must keep our **personal things** in our bedrooms.

89 **Sarah:** Exactly. No clothes or shoes **on the sofa**.

90 **Mia:** **Got it**. I will keep my things in my room.

91 **Sarah:** **What about** the bathroom?

92 **Mia:** We can **take turns** cleaning it.

93 **Sarah:** I will clean it **this weekend**.

94 **Mia:** And I will clean it **next weekend**.

95 **Sarah:** Perfect. Now, the trash.

96 **Mia:** I will take out the trash **every Tuesday** and Friday.

97 **Sarah:** And I will **take it out** on Sunday.

98 **Mia:** That **sounds very fair** to me.

99 **Sarah:** I will **stick this list** on the fridge so we can see it every day.

100 **Mia:** Yes, it will **help us remember**.

101 **Mia:** Sarah, I am sorry for **being lazy**.

102 **Sarah:** Thank you for **saying that**, Mia.

103 **Mia:** I want to be **a good roommate**.

104 **Sarah:** You are a good roommate, just **a little messy**.

105 **Mia:** I **will change**. I promise.

106 **Sarah:** I'm glad we **talked about this**.

107 **Mia:** Me, too. I **hate fighting** with you.

108 **Sarah:** I hate it, too. We are **friends first**.

109 **Mia:** Friends and roommates.

110 **Sarah:** Now, are you **ready for dinner**?

111 **Mia:** Yes, I am **very hungry**.

112 **Sarah:** Let's cook some **chicken and rice**.

113 **Mia:** I will help you **cut the vegetables**.

114 **Sarah:** And who will **wash the dishes** tonight?

115 **Mia:** We will wash them **together**.

116 **Sarah:** That is **the perfect answer**.

117 **Mia:** Let's go to the **clean kitchen**.

118 **Sarah:** **After you**, my friend.

119 **Mia:** Thank you!