

### Arrested Development – Hello, who’s on this phone?

**Video Link:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XZajTpBt-mQ>

**Description:** This is a clip from the popular American TV series Arrested Development. The show follows the lives of a rich family who lost their fortune and is desperately trying to keep their elite lifestyle through various comical means. In this clip, two brothers from the family complain about their mother, who is secretly listening in.

**Formulaic expressions:**

- Be true to (one)self – to act in a way that agrees with who someone is as a person; to not hide feelings or pretend to be anyone else
- Make an impact – a collocation meaning to change/affect something or someone
- Listen in – a phrasal verb meaning to listen without the other parties knowing; to listen secretly
- Set up (somebody) with – To arrange a romantic meeting for two people in hopes that they will become a couple. Can also be used as ‘to set (somebody) up with’
- Patch (something) up – to fix something; to make a situation better
- Throw out – to discard, to put in the bin
- First of all – an expression to indicate that the following information is first in a list of things
- Move out – to leave one’s residence and live somewhere else
- Take any chances with – an expression to mean that something is risky or dangerous

**Quiz:**

Match the question with the correct response.

Question	Response
How should I act when I go on my date later?	Finally move out of my parent’s house.
What do you hope to achieve during your time working at the homeless shelter?	Actually, I know the perfect person I can set you up with.
What do you want to do when you turn 18?	Yes, we finally patched things up.
What should I do with this old bread?	I hope to make an impact on the community by helping those in need.
Why do you think you’re a good candidate for the job?	No way, I’m not taking any chances with that.
Do you want to go skydiving with me?	I was listening in on your conversation.
Have you talked to David yet?	First of all, I’m very detail-oriented, and secondly, I am an excellent team player.
I’m tired of being single, what should I do?	It’s no good anymore, just throw it out.
How did you know I said that?	Just be true to yourself.

Answer key:

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