

Modern Family – Phil Dunphy is startled by a hot woman

Video Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AUnKFtljiU>

Description: This is a clip from the American sitcom Modern Family. The series follows the comical lives of a non-traditional family living in the suburbs of California. In this clip, one of the family members, Phil (who is married), has a conversation with an attractive woman who just moved into the neighbourhood.

Formulaic expressions:

- Lock (oneself) out – to lock one's door accidentally, leaving that person without a way to get inside
- Would you mind – a polite question tag used when asking for a favour
- You know what they say – an expression used before saying an idiom or proverb
- In this case – in these circumstances; for this reason; in this instance
- Act on (something) - to think about doing something beforehand, then putting those thoughts into action by actually doing it

Quiz:

Fill the gaps with formulaic expressions from the video.

1. _____ giving me a ride to work today?
2. Can you come home quickly please? I'm stuck outside – I _____.
3. I seriously thought about cheating on my diet, but I didn't actually _____.
4. I usually never eat dessert, but _____, I'll make an exception.
5. _____, an apple a day keeps the doctor away.

Answer key:

Question	Answer
_____ giving me a ride to work today?	Would you mind
Can you come home quickly please? I'm stuck outside – I _____.	Locked myself out
I seriously thought about cheating on my diet, but I didn't actually _____.	Act on it
I usually never eat dessert, but _____, I'll make an exception.	In this case
_____, an apple a day keeps the doctor away.	You know what they say