

## Simplified Speech #130 – A new hobby and a big purchase

### Episode description

We love catching up with friends. In fact, before every Culips episode, our hosts spend some time doing just that. Today you get to listen in as Andrew and Kassy catch up on the latest news in their lives – from Andrew's new hobby to Kassy's big purchase!

Simplified Speech features clear, natural, and easy to understand English conversations between native speakers. By studying with this Simplified Speech episode, you'll improve your English listening skills, increase your vocabulary, and find out how to talk about new events happening in your life.

### Fun fact

According to a 2013 study, people spend 60 percent of their conversations talking about themselves. And 80 percent of conversations consist of gossip, according to Dr. Nicholas Emler, a British psychologist.

### Expressions included in the study guide

- Welcome to the club
- There's no turning back
- Out of whack
- Fender bender
- New-to-me
- To crash



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## Transcript

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Note: The words and expressions that appear in **bold text** within the transcript are discussed in more detail in the Detailed Explanations section that follows the transcript. The transcript has been edited for clarity.

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**Andrew:** Hello there, everyone. My name's Andrew.

**Kassy:** And I'm Kassy.

**Andrew:** And this is the Culips English Podcast.

Hello there, friends. Welcome back to another Culips episode. Today, we have a Simplified Speech episode prepared for you, which is the Culips series that features clear, natural and easy to understand English conversations about interesting topics. And today joining me to do this episode is my co-host, Kassy. Hello, Kassy.

**Kassy:** Hey Andrew and hi listeners. So, Andrew, today we're going to have a freestyle conversation, we're going to catch up and talk about what's going on in our day to day lives.

**Andrew:** Yeah, it should be fun. We've done this style of episode before Kassy and our listeners really responded to it well, and we got some great feedback. So it should be fun. And Kassy, usually we do this before we start recording, right? We chat for a few minutes and catch up. And then we hit the record button and start recording. But today, we're gonna let everyone listen in to the small chat that we usually have before each of our recording sessions. And honestly, it felt a little bit awkward today, Kassy, because we said hello and then immediately we hit record and we haven't really caught up at all. So we're going to do that shortly.

**Kassy:** That's right. But before we start our conversation, we should let everyone know about our study guide so they can follow along as they listen with us today.

**Andrew:** Yes, that is a good idea. So everyone, the study guide for this episode includes the transcript, detailed vocabulary explanations and examples, a quiz and more. And you can download it in a PDF file and print it off. Or you can view a mobile friendly version that looks really great on smartphones or tablets. And so to access the study guide for this episode, and actually for all of the episodes that we produce here at Culips, you need to visit our website [Culips.com](http://Culips.com) and become a Culips member.

**Kassy:** And we also want to give a shout out to one of our listeners named Manal who is from Saudi Arabia.

**Andrew:** Yeah, that's right. So Manal left us a five-star rating on Apple Podcasts. And in the review, Manal wrote, "Hi, I'm Manal from Saudi Arabia. And I just want to take a moment to thank you guys, for your great work to help us improve our English. I've been listening to you guys since 2019 and as the days go by, I noticed a huge improvement in my English in terms of listening, speaking, learning new vocabulary, and so much more. I literally can't thank you enough. I love you."

**Kassy:** Wow, I love the commitment and we love to hear success stories just like this. So thanks for the review Manal.

**Andrew:** Yeah, thanks again Manal we are very happy to hear that you've been able to improve your English with Culips. Now listeners, leaving a positive review and a five-star rating on Apple Podcasts or whatever platform you use to listen to Culips, just like Manal did, helps more English learners around the world, find Culips and study with us. So we would appreciate it if you could support us by leaving a short, positive review and a five-star rating on your favourite podcast platform.

All right, so Kassy, I think all of the announcements are out of the way. And we can catch up now, finally. So Kassy, what's new with you?

**Kassy:** Well, you know, I have a lot going on these days, some good things, some bad things.

**Andrew:** Uh-oh, some good things, some bad things.

**Kassy:** Do you want to hear the good one first or the bad one first?

**Andrew:** Well, we have this expression in English. We compare hearing bad news to almost like wearing a band aid. And you know if you're wearing a band aid, because maybe you cut yourself and then the wound heals and you need to remove the band aid. If you do it slowly and you slowly peel the band aid off your skin, it can be kind of painful, right? Because it's like glued on to your skin. So, a better way to remove that band aid is just to rip it right off. Just have a one second painful moment and then move on with your life. And so we use this metaphor when we're talking about bad news too. It's kind of like we should just rip the band aid off. Get the bad news out of the way. And then move on to the good stuff. So Kassy, why don't we rip that band aid off and hear the bad news first?

**Kassy:** Yeah, it's not horrible, bad news. But these days, I have been losing a lot of hair compared to any other time in my life.

**Andrew:** Wow. **Welcome to the club.**

**Kassy:** I don't know how you felt when you first started losing a significant amount of hair. But I have been terrified Andrew.

**Andrew:** Yeah. Well, to be honest, it was a very gradual process for me, very slowly, but surely and consistently, more and more hair fell out. And then one day I realized like, oh, my gosh, I'm kinda balding here. **There's no turning back** once you reach that point. But I think you know, it's pretty common in men to be bald, especially in my family. And a lot of my friends in Canada, too, are bald. So it wasn't really a shocking thing. My dad is completely bald. So I was kind of expecting it. But I imagine in your case, Kassy, it's a bit more alarming.

**Kassy:** Yeah, listeners, don't be you know, shocked. I'm not anywhere close to going bald. But.

**Andrew:** Your hair looks totally fine right now, by the way, Kassy.

**Kassy:** Thank you. Yes, no, it doesn't look any different. But when I brush it now, there's just like, so much. And I've heard that a lot of women deal with this problem in Korea. And I don't know if it's due to, you know, change in seasons, or, you know, extra stress from my new job. Or if there's something in the water, like I should get a filter, or I've lost a little bit of weight recently maybe that's it, I don't know what's going out of whack. Something is **out of whack**. And it's causing my head to do all sorts of weird stuff it didn't do before. And I've been stressed about it, which probably makes the problem worse.

**Andrew:** Yeah, it could be stress related. I know that my wife seems to shed a lot of hair, definitely more than I was expecting. I mean, she's got a lot of hair, her hair is long, past her shoulders. And I'm the one around our house that does the vacuuming every morning. And so I vacuum up her hair. And I'm always shocked at how much there is to throw away when I empty the vacuum to clean it out. So maybe it is a pretty normal thing. Like maybe you're losing some, but maybe it's growing back at the same rate. Who knows? Just make sure to take care of yourself, all right? Don't get too stressed out. Don't live life too hard. And I'm sure if you just relax a little bit, the hair loss will stop and you won't have to look like I do going forward.

**Kassy:** That's not a bad thing. Well, I guess for a man, for a woman.

**Andrew:** I think the way that you look now is best for you.

**Kassy:** But anyway, on to the good news. I don't remember if I told Culips listeners last year, but I had a minor car accident, just a teeny tiny one.

**Andrew:** A fender bender.

**Kassy:** Yes, it ended up in me losing my car because the cost of fixing the car was greater than how much I paid for it. So it just wasn't worth it.

**Andrew:** It was a write off.

**Kassy:** Exactly. And that was several months ago, and I've been carless since then. But just recently, I have purchased a **new-to-me** car. So new-to-me means it's not a new car. It's a used car, but it is new-to-me.

**Andrew:** All right. Well, congratulations on the new car.

**Kassy:** Thank you.

**Andrew:** So tell us about it. What kind of car did you get?

**Kassy:** It's the same kind as my old one. It's a Kia Morning. I really liked those cute, compact cars that are you know, fuel efficient and really easy to park.

**Andrew:** Yeah, they are very compact. They're like an ultra compact car, very small and cute. And maybe not the strongest car when you get into a fender bender. But they are really cool. In fact, I think if I bought a car here in Seoul, I would either buy one of those just for getting around the neighbourhood and doing errands in town. Or I'd have to go with a bigger car for like longer road trips, but they're very affordable and cute. And are they easy to drive? I imagine they would be as well.

**Kassy:** Yeah, they're so easy and they get 50% off toll fees compared to other larger cars in Korea.

**Andrew:** Wow.

**Kassy:** The one downside of this car is though, the colour. I love red cars. My old car was red. But this one is gray. Every car in Korea is white, gray and black. I've joined the club.

**Andrew:** You're absolutely right. There is not a lot of variation on car colour in Korea. I would say 98% of cars are either black, white or gray. However, I'm seeing some new colours come out from time to time, cars are starting to become more colourful here. But you're in the gray club. Well, congratulations anyway, on your new car. That's awesome.

**Kassy:** Thank you. And Andrew, I guess it's your turn. What's new in your world?

**Andrew:** Well, Kassy, I think I shared this fact on our recent live stream. So those Culips members who join the live stream, if you've heard me talk about this already, I apologize. But I'll say it again here because I've been doing it so much lately. And that is that I've been baking a lot, Kassy. We got an oven recently, my wife and I. And wow, it's been at least seven or eight years since I've owned an oven. So to have one again, has been really great. I've been experimenting with cooking, and also baking. In fact, just before we met Kassy, I baked some cookies. And I made an espresso and I drank the espresso and ate the cookies. So I guess I'm buzzing off an espresso and sugar high right now.

**Kassy:** That sounds awesome. What flavour did you make?

**Andrew:** Well, my favourite kind of cookie is oatmeal. I love oatmeal cookies. So I made an oatmeal, walnut, raisin, chocolate chip cookie.

**Kassy:** Wow, that's a lot of flavour combinations right there.

**Andrew:** That's like all of my favourite flavours in one. I guess I could add peanut butter to that mix and then I would have all of my favourites. But it's three out of four. So it's not bad.

**Kassy:** Can I recommend a secret ingredient to that as well?

**Andrew:** Yes, please do.

**Kassy:** If you go online and you order some blackstrap molasses and you put just a little bit of that into those cookies, it just adds this deep, rich, warm flavour to it.

**Andrew:** Now some of our listeners might be wondering what molasses is. And actually I have no idea either. I know it's used in baking all the time, but I'm not really quite sure what molasses is. Kassy, do you know what molasses is?

**Kassy:** Don't quote me, but it's a different way of refining sugarcane.

**Andrew:** OK, so it's like a thick, almost like a syrupy sugar, right? The rich flavour.

**Kassy:** It's not delicious by itself, like it's a little bitter almost by itself. But when you put a little bit into your baking, it just adds this, I don't know this amazing little distinct flavour. I guess when you're cooking savory foods, they say, umami flavor. In baking, that's what I think of when you add molasses like this subtle oomph.

**Andrew:** Well, that's a great tip, I will definitely try that. And it's funny that you brought up changing the recipe a little bit, because that's what I've been doing. I've been experimenting a lot with baking, because I find that a lot of the recipes that I search for and find online have just been way too greasy or way too sugary and sweet. And I think what's happened Kassy is that from living overseas for so long, my tastes have suddenly changed. And I'm finding food to be like too greasy if I put too much butter in it. And way, way, way too sweet if I put the recommended amount of sugar into the recipe. So I've been cutting back the sugar and the cookies that I just made the recipe called for like one cup of sugar and instead of that one cup, I put three tablespoons of sugar.

**Kassy:** That's a lot less.



**Andrew:** I reduced it almost to nothing, right? And it was spot on, it was perfect. So I'm happy I found about the perfect amount of sweetness that I need to add to the cookies so that they don't taste too sweet.

**Kassy:** That makes sense since you added chocolate chips because those chocolate chips will add a little bit of extra sweetness that you don't have in the just the dough part.

**Andrew:** And the raisins as well, right? The raisins and the chocolate chips. They are really sweet as well. So yeah, I think I found the perfect recipe, but I've been baking like two or three times every week, making banana bread, making apple crisp, making cookies. It's been great, but I think I'm gonna have to slow down. I'm worried about the electricity bill for running the oven so much. And also I have to be cautious of my waistline. My wife, she'll eat like a little bit, but she's not like wild about baked goods. So I end up eating like 90% of it. So that's not good, Kassy you'll have to come up to Seoul, so I can share some cookies with you, you can relieve me of the burden of eating all these cookies.

**Kassy:** I'd love to.

**Andrew:** Apart from that Kassy, not much is new, I've been trying to get outside and enjoy the fall weather, we've been having some really beautiful weather. And I have to say that I think fall is my favourite season for being outside because you don't really have the rain like you do in the spring. But you still have that crisp air that's not too hot, not too cold. And so weekly, usually on Friday mornings, but sometimes on Saturday mornings, I've been getting up quite early to get outside and go biking. And it's been amazing. I've been waking up around 5:30 in the morning and trying to be on my bike by about quarter to six. And the reason for that is that the trails here in Seoul are actually pretty good. We have a nice network of biking paths that go all around the Han River, and up to some mountains and stuff. So I've been going all over the place. But if you go on the weekend, during the middle of the day, for example, they're just way too many people riding their bikes. There's families, there's university students, there's people learning to ride bikes, there are the crazy guys that are like hardcore, that are going crazy fast through the parks and just riding dangerously. So I've found that if I wake up early enough in the morning, there are not too many people on the paths. And I can get a pretty good ride in without having to worry about the other riders. So it's been a nice way to spend some time outside this fall.

**Kassy:** That's great. Yeah. And I think I don't know if I would have the strength to wake up that early to avoid the crowds. But I'm glad you can do it.

**Andrew:** Yeah, sometimes I questioned my sanity like, why am I waking up at 5:30 on a Saturday morning to go ride? But to be honest, the ride is amazing. But returning is one of the highlights of my week when I come back home and I make coffee and sometimes I'll eat a bowl of oatmeal or some fruit or something like that. My wife and Pinky our dog, they're usually still sleeping, because I'm usually back by like 7:30 or 8:00 in the morning, and it's still quiet. And I just love that time of the morning. And I'm like, awake and I'm pumped up because I've just finished the bike ride, you know, so it's a great time to just

have some quiet relaxation in the morning before the craziness of the weekend begins. So yeah, it's been good.

**Kassy:** My only question is, I mean, it sounds like a great morning, but do you feel like you're gonna **crash** by the middle of the afternoon?

**Andrew:** Not yet because I mean, I don't go too hard. You know, I did do one ride where I climbed up two mountains and was on my bike for almost three hours. And that day, I felt tired. But you know, on the weekend, I don't mind taking a little nap in the middle of the day, if I can get away with it if I don't have too busy of a schedule. So I save the hard rides for the days that I know I can nap. And if I know that I have a busy day ahead, then I'll just get out there and cruise not really ride too hard.

**Kassy:** OK.

**Andrew:** Kassy, now I have one question for you before we finish up here. You told us you just got a new car but I think the last time we spoke or maybe it was a couple of weeks ago, you said that you were going to get a bike. So did you end up getting the bike or did you upgrade to the car and forget about the bike?

**Kassy:** I did get a bike as well. I got that as soon as I got out of quarantine. So that was a long time ago, actually.

**Andrew:** Oh, yeah. OK, that was longer ago than I thought.

**Kassy:** Yeah, but yeah, I love my bike. It's lime green. It's not a fancy bike or anything, but it gets me where I want to go. And I have wheels again, both two wheels and four wheels.

**Andrew:** You said red was your favourite colour for a car? What's your favourite colour for a bike?

**Kassy:** Probably my favourite colour, which is blue. But green's good, too.

**Andrew:** My bike is gray, just like your car. But the company that manufactures the bike that I have, they make the same model that I have, but in a different colour in red. And so I was debating should I get the gray one? Should I get the red one? And I thought the gray one looked really cool when I saw it on the internet. And actually, I bought the bike used and so I had no option when I ultimately bought my bike. It was a gray one for sale that was used and I bought that one. However, I ran into some guy on the trails the other day, who had the same bike model as me, but he had the red version. And it looks so cool. I was like, oh, that guy totally got the better colour. The red one looks so much better. I wish I got the red, I felt a little pang of jealousy in that moment. But I can see where you're coming from with the red colour. It's pretty sharp.



**Kassy:** It is and it just looks good with everything.

**Andrew:** Indeed.

**Kassy:** Except maybe pink.

**Andrew:** I agree with that.

Well, Kassy I think we should wrap things up here that was fun to catch up and chat and listeners, we hope that you enjoyed listening to our conversation as well. Please don't forget about the study guide for this episode that's available on our website Culips.com. And in fact, on Culips.com if you sign up and become a member, you can get access to our whole study guide library for all of the episodes that we create, as well as a ton of other benefits, such as our Fluency File series, and an invitation to the monthly live streams that Kassy and I host. If you like studying English with Culips, and find us helpful for building your English skills, then we'd love it if you could support us. There are many different ways that you can do that. The best way is by becoming a Culips member. But that's not the only way you could also follow us on social media. Tell your friends who are learning English to check Culips out. Or you could leave us a five-star rating and a nice review on your favourite podcast app. We'll be back soon with another brand new episode and we'll talk to you then. Goodbye.

**Kassy:** Bye.

## Detailed Explanations

### Welcome to the club

#### Idiom

**Welcome to the club** is an idiom used to tell someone that you understand an unpleasant situation or unfortunate state because you are in the same situation or state. You and the other person have something unpleasant in common. It is often said in a joking or sarcastic way, as in “I totally understand what you’re saying” or “Yeah, I know, this is awful.”

In this episode for example, Kassy mentions that she’s been losing her hair and Andrew responds, “**Welcome to the club**”. He’s commiserating with her because he knows what it feels like to experience hair loss. You could also say “join the club”.

Here are a couple more examples with **welcome to the club**:

<b>Iona:</b>	I saw the pictures of your new little girl, she’s adorable!
<b>Heather:</b>	Yeah, she’s really cute. I can’t stop staring at her. I totally understand what you were saying when you were talking about staying home with your boy.
<b>Iona:</b>	Have you adjusted to having a newborn?
<b>Heather:</b>	No. I don’t know how you did it. I haven’t gotten any sleep since we brought her home. I’m so tired.
<b>Iona:</b>	<b>Welcome to the club.</b> That’s life with kids. You’re either tired or drinking coffee.
<b>Heather:</b>	Thank goodness we have coffee.

<b>Eun-Jung:</b>	Are the weekly meetings always so ...
<b>Dong-Geun:</b>	Useless? Boring? Disorganized?
<b>Eun-Jung:</b>	All of the above. I’m so confused. Are we supposed to bring in our employee contracts tomorrow?
<b>Dong-Geun:</b>	No, that was a joke. <b>Welcome to the club.</b> You’ll get used to meetings and our manager’s sense of humour, don’t worry.

## There's no turning back Idiom

**There's no turning back** means that once something is done or has been decided, it is too late to change your mind. When it's said after a decision is made, it means the decision may be a risky one, but you're ready to move forward and deal with the results of your decision. It can also be used when situations or events happen that cannot be stopped once they start. For example, Andrew says "then one day I realized like, oh, my gosh, I'm kinda balding here, **there's no turning back** once you reach that point." That means that his hair loss cannot be stopped, and he will have to live with his new look.

When the idiom is used immediately after a decision has been made, many native speakers will add "now" to the end of the idiom - **there's no turning back now**. You could also say "there's no going back" or "there's no going back now".

Here are a couple more examples with **there's no turning back**:

<b>Ami:</b>	So, did you make a decision about the job offer?
<b>Harrison:</b>	I did! I signed the contract this morning and I start on Monday. There's <b>no going back now</b> .
<b>Ami:</b>	That's great! Congratulations! I'm happy you've found your dream job and I'm sure you're going to love it.
<b>Harrison:</b>	Thanks! I'm really excited for this opportunity and can't wait to see what the future will bring.

<b>Carlos:</b>	Did Jason get on the plane okay this morning?
<b>Wilhelmina:</b>	Yes, I saw him off. Though I'm still worried he's making a big mistake, moving across the world for university without any friends or family.
<b>Carlos:</b>	Even if he is, there's <b>no turning back</b> for him. He's already on the plane!
<b>Wilhelmina:</b>	I hope he'll be OK. He looked a little sad when he said goodbye.
<b>Carlos:</b>	Don't worry. He's never had problems making new friends. He'll have the time of his life!

## Out of whack

Adjective

When describing a thing, out of whack means not working or out of order. For example, my computer that keeps freezing, it's so **out of whack**.

When describing a person, it means feeling ill, depressed or not normal. For example, Cheryl didn't sleep well, she's feeling **out of whack** today.

Finally, it can also mean unbalanced or chaotic when describing a situation or state. For example, there must be a storm brewing because everything is **out of whack** today.

In this episode, Kassy says she doesn't know what has caused her recent hair loss. "I don't know what's going **out of whack**. Something is **out of whack**. And it's causing my head to do all sorts of weird stuff it didn't do before. And I've been stressed about it, which probably makes the problem worse."

Here are a couple more examples with **out of whack**:

**Muhammad:** Hey there. You came!

**Saskia:** Yeah. Sorry I didn't show up to the last few group meetings. I've been **out of whack** lately and needed some time to myself.

**Muhammad:** No apologies necessary. We all understand. Are you doing better now?

**Saskia:** Better, yes. Not completely back to normal, but not quite so **out of whack** anymore. So that's good.

**Muhammad:** That's really great to hear. I think Jennifer has notes from the last few meetings, so why don't you catch up and then we'll get started.

**Kanchana:** Good morning. Are you waiting for the elevator?

**Nam:** Oh, good morning. Yeah, but I've been waiting a while, and nothing has happened. Something is **out of whack** with it.

**Kanchana:** No! I'm not in the mood to walk up seven flights of stairs today. Did you talk to the building receptionist?

**Nam:** Not yet. I was just going to do that.

**Kanchana:** I'll go. Text me if the elevator comes while I'm gone.

## Fender bender

Noun

A **fender bender** is a minor automobile collision. **Fender benders** are not serious; there is very little damage done, if any at all. **Fender benders** also don't need to involve the fender of a car – it can be a minor accident involving any part of the car. The term comes from the idea that in a not-serious car accident, the fender is often the most damaged part of the vehicle. The fender is bent or dented, while the rest of the vehicle is fine.

In this episode, Kassy mentions that she had a “minor car accident, just a teeny tiny one.” And Andrew calls it a **fender bender**. Teeny tiny means very, very tiny.

Here are a couple more examples with **fender bender**:

**Osamu:** Hey Constance! I'm so sorry to do this, but I'm going to be late for our date.

**Constance:** Oh. But we'll lose our reservation! What's going on?

**Osamu:** I got into a little accident on the way to the restaurant. I don't think I'll be long, but I need to exchange paperwork and give a statement to the police.

**Constance:** Are you okay? Was anyone hurt?

**Osamu:** No no, it was just a **fender bender**. Barely a scratch on my car. I'll be there as soon as I can.

**Madeline:** Did you hear all the commotion last night?

**Hamza:** No, I was fast asleep. You know that nothing wakes me when I sleep.

**Madeline:** I'm so jealous you can sleep so well. There was a huge fight on the street outside our window last night! The police were called and everything.

**Hamza:** Seriously? And I missed it? Darn. What happened?

**Madeline:** Well, first there was a little **fender bender**. A van tapped a really fancy sports car and the driver squealed his car to the side of the road. Then he got out and started screaming at the van driver. He was just so loud. And angry!

**Hamza:** Whoa. Sounds intense!

**Madeline:** It was. I've never seen anything like that before!

## New-to-me Adjective

**New-to-me** means second-hand or used. In this episode, Kassy mentions that she bought a car: “I have purchased a **new-to-me** car. So new-to-me means it's not a new car. It's a used car, but it is **new-to-me**.” While this adjective is seen most often describing cars, but it can be used for any item that you buy second-hand or used. You can also replace “me” with the pronoun for whoever bought the item. For example, Kassy's car is **new-to-her**. If Andrew bought a used bike, it would be **new-to-him**.

Not to be confused with “that's news to me!”, which means something different and can be said when you learn some new information.

Here are a couple more examples with **new-to-me**:

<b>Angus:</b>	Oh, I like your new bike.
<b>Kousuke:</b>	Thanks. Got it on the weekend. I've really wanted this model and style but buying it new is way too expensive for me. Then I saw this one at a second-hand store for half the price.
<b>Angus:</b>	Oh, so it's not new? Aren't you worried it'll break really easily?
<b>Kousuke:</b>	It's <b>new-to-me</b> ! And I'm not worried. First, the model is well-known for its sturdiness and long life. Second, the store has really good mechanics. They check everything really thoroughly. And they gave me a three-month warranty, so if it does break, I can take it back.

<b>Rafael:</b>	Did you see Bai's driving a different car now?
<b>Min:</b>	I did. He got it last week and drove it to my place the moment he picked up the keys. Said he couldn't wait to show off his <b>new-to-him</b> car.
<b>Rafael:</b>	Oh, it's his car? Good for him. He's been talking about buying a car for about as long as I've known him. And it looks to be in decent shape, if a bit old.
<b>Min:</b>	Yeah. He said he got it for a really good deal. I say it'll last a year, tops, before it falls apart.
<b>Rafael:</b>	I say five years, at least. I've seen cars on the road in far worse condition.



## Crash Slang

**Crash** means to be so tired or exhausted you feel like you're going to fall asleep immediately. When two objects hit each other, we say they crashed. When you're exhausted, you might fall into bed – or crash into bed! In this episode, Kassy asked Andrew “but do you feel like you're gonna crash by the middle of the afternoon.” She's asking if Andrew feels exhausted or extremely tired in the middle of the afternoon, after having woken up early to go biking.

Note: crash has a couple other meanings. The dictionary definition is to collide or move with force, like a car crash, for example. However, crash also has many other meanings. When someone crashes at someone's house, they're staying there without paying. If someone crashes a party, they're attending it uninvited. When a business crashes, it falls in value very suddenly. When a computer crashes, it stops working. So, keep that in mind when you hear this word.

Here are a couple more examples with **crash**:

<b>Hifumi:</b>	You were out late last night; did you have fun?
<b>Yuuri:</b>	I did! It was a great night. I danced so much; my legs are sore today.
<b>Hifumi:</b>	I don't know how you did it. I didn't dance at all, and I was so tired when I got home, I <b>crashed</b> as soon as I stepped in the door.
<b>Yuuri:</b>	Oh, I always stay up late. So, I was still awake for an hour after I got home. I probably should have done some yoga now that I think of it.

<b>Daniela:</b>	Oh man, I'm so tired.
<b>Grant:</b>	Me too. I was up all night working on a project for my next class. What about you?
<b>Daniela:</b>	Same. Homework.
<b>Grant:</b>	I can't wait until this semester is done.
<b>Daniela:</b>	I can't wait until today's classes are done. I'm going to <b>crash</b> so hard when I get home. Just walk in the door and crawl into bed. Fully clothed.
<b>Grant:</b>	Ugh, don't talk about sleep right now.

## Quiz

**1. Gerald bought a new-to-him washing machine. His washing machine is...**

- a) brand new
- b) a gift
- c) free
- d) used

**2. Which of the following might you do after getting only 4 hours of sleep?**

- a) crash
- b) binge
- c) dance
- d) cry

**3. If something is out of whack, what it is?**

- a) outside hitting something
- b) not working
- c) sold out
- d) cutting out shapes

**4. Which of the following might you say to someone to show you understand the situation they're in?**

- a) get to the club
- b) greetings from the alliance
- c) welcome to my house
- d) welcome to the club

**5. If there's no turning back now, that means...**

- a) it is too late to change your mind
- b) you're lost and the trail is gone
- c) something is physically stopping you from turning around
- d) you can't walk backwards

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## Writing and Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time you welcomed someone to the club. What was the situation the two of you were experiencing?
2. Have you ever made a decision that may or may not have been for the best and realized there is no turning back? What did you do?
3. What is a thing, feeling, or situation that has been out of whack recently? What was wrong with it?
4. Have you ever been in a fender bender? If so, how did it happen? If not, describe one you've witnessed.
5. Describe a time you were so tired that you crashed before your usual bedtime.

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## Quiz Answers

1.d    2.a    3.b    4.d    5.a

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