# **BBC LEARNING ENGLISH**

# The bad date

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### Jake

There is your drink and some crisps.

#### Tim

Thank you. So come on then... your blind date last night. How did it go? Was she amazing?

#### Jake

Err, well actually it was a disaster. I never want to see her again.

#### Tim

Oh! What went wrong?

#### lake

She talked about her ex-boyfriend all night and she smelt like disinfectant. (Phone rings)

#### Tim

Urgh!

### Jake

Oh hold on. I'd better get this - oh no number - Yeah, I should get this... Hello?

#### Anna

Hi - is that Jake?

### lake

(whispering) Oh no – it's her – it's Anna! (Speaking to Anna) Err yes, this is Jake and that must be Anna?

### Anna

Yes that's right. You remembered. I really enjoyed last night. Sorry if I spoke about my exboyfriend a lot – he was hard to forget. But anyway, I do hope we will be able to meet up again sometime and perhaps go out for dinner?

### Jake

Oh yes yes. Yes, it would be lovely to meet up again... sometime.

#### Anna

Great! How about tomorrow night... are you free?

### lake

(Sounding surprised) Errr... It'll be difficult... ermm... I'll be watching that big football match on TV.

#### Tim

(whispering) Good excuse, good excuse- well done!

#### Anna

Oh, that's a shame. How about on Friday night? Will you be watching football then?

Oh, well... I'll probably be working late – there's an important project I've got to finish.

### Anna

I see. Will you be free after that? It'll be the weekend then, so no work the next day!

#### lake

(To Tim) What shall I say?

#### Tim

Tell her... tell her you'll be running a marathon the next day.

### lake

OK! good one! (To Anna) Really sorry, I'll be running a marathon on Saturday. I'll need an early night.

#### Anna

Oh, you didn't mention that last night. Ah well, perhaps after your marathon you'll **need a drink** – we could meet at a pub somewhere?

### Jake

A nice idea but... but... but... my Dad will be waiting for me at the finish line. He wants to buy me a meal to celebrate and stuff...

### Anna

[Getting the hint] Oh well, and I suppose you'll be busy on Sunday night too?

### Jake

Yes. I'll be washing my hair on Sunday night.

That's a shame. Oh well. I'll be thinking of you when I'm watching the Taylor Swift gig that I've got a spare tickets for.

## Jake

(To Tim) She's got tickets for Taylor Swift – I love her!

### Tim

Come on, give me the phone, give me the phone. Hi, is that Anna?

### Anna

Yes...?

#### Tim

Hi it's Tim here – you haven't met me, but **I'll be happy to come with you to the gig on Sunday - if you'll let me?** 

### Jake

Ugh?!

### **Vocabulary**

### dating

having regular romantic meetings with someone

### blind date

a romantic meeting between two people who have never met before

### disinfectant

a liquid containing chemicals used for cleaning things such as kitchens and toilets

### an early night

an evening when you go to bed early