

## ESL Radio Show – Episode\_3

**De'ja:** Hello Everyone. I am De'ja, an ESL professor from International College.

**Shabnam:** Hi. I am Shabnam, an ESL professor from International College as well.

Welcome back to **ESL Radio Show Episode\_3**. The Radio show focuses on English communication among non native students. Today, what we have in our baggage to talk about is

- Roommate in “**English at University**” series.
- American song from 1960.

You know Deja, today I am excited about the Radio show, cause we are going to talk about Roommates...sss. I am really missing my roommates. They were so helpful, loving, caring. After a long day at work, they were real stress busters. How are you De'ja and what is your weekend plan?

**De'ja:** This week it's going to be exciting as we have lots of holidays in South Korea. So I have short vacation plan for camping and to relax at the beach.

**Shabnam:** Wow. Beach in early spring. Sounds great..!!! So, here we go with our series on **English at University**

English at University - the series that teaches some English phrases to help you through your first year of study abroad.

## Roommate

Sujin finds her new room and gets a big surprise managed to find her way to the accommodation block and is looking for her new room.

**Sujin:** Well, I'm at my room – room 101 – but the door's already open.

**Narrator**

Well, you'd better go in. Good luck!

**Sujin:** Oh, hello, sorry, I thought this was my room? Room no: 101?

**Alice:** Yeah, it's room 101 and you must be my new roommate. We share rooms here. I'm Alice, pleased to meet you.

**Sujin:** Nice to meet you too – but I didn't realize I was sharing a room.

**Alice:** Oh, don't worry, I won't bite. Have a blast.

**Sujin:** A blast?

**Alice:** A laugh... a party... an amazing time. I've been here three years – it's great, loads of fit guys, parties...

**Sujin:** And studying?

**Alice:** What's that! Listen, don't mind my mess. I tend to dry my washing on the window sill, that's when I actually wash it – sorry about the clothes on the floor – and all that stuff on the desk is mine. I'm sure you won't be needing the desk anyway...

**Sujin:** Well, errr....

**Narrator**

Sujin, this place is a tip. That means it's really messy. It's time to put your foot down. It's your room too, so she will have to compromise – you'll have to ask her to tidy up – and set some ground rules – you know, the basic rules of how something should be done.

**Sujin:** Oh OK. Alice... it's great that we're going to be roommates, but could we set some ground rules, please? Would you mind keeping the room a bit more tidy? It would be a great help, if I could have some space on the desk to put my things. And err... maybe you could keep your things on your side of the room and I'll look after this side? Would that be a reasonable compromise?

**Alice:** Oh, well, I suppose so.

**Narrator**

Well done Sujin! This place looks like a bomb's gone off – it's really untidy! And if you don't say what you want, then you won't get it. Even though you're the new girl, Alice will hopefully see that you're not to be messed with. Here are those phrases again...

*Could we set some ground rules, please?*

*Would you mind... keeping the room a bit more tidy?*

*It would be great if I could have some space on the desk to put my things.*

*Would that be a reasonable compromise?*

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**Alice:** Well Sujin, you're a bit bossy, but I think we're going to get on very well...

**Daniel:** Hey....!! Anyone in/at home?

**Sujin:** Oh! No, not him!

**Daniel:** Hi Sujin, I found out that this was your room...

**Alice:** Hey Sujin who's this loser? Stick with me Sujin and I'll introduce you to lots of guys at the University.

**More**

Going away from home to start at university is a big move for any young person. Sharing a room with another student is not unusual, but, because of a shortage of accommodation, some are forced to share a single room.

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**Language focus**

**Learn useful phrases about compromise:**

Could we set some ground rules, please?

Would you mind... keeping the room a bit more tidy?

It would be great if I could have some space on the desk to put my things.

Would that be a reasonable compromise?

**Here are some other phrases you could use:**

As there are now two of us, how about tidying up a bit?

Would you mind not making so much mess please?

Let's start as we mean to go on and keep this room tidy!

Vocabulary

**Synonyms for being untidy used in this episode:**

this place is a tip

this place looks like a bomb's gone off

pigsty

**Other words you could use:**

cluttered

littered

chaotic

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*English at University*

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# Build Me Up Buttercup

By Manfred Mann

Why do you build me up (Build me up) buttercup, baby  
Just to let me down (Let me down) and mess me around  
And then worst of all (Worst of all) you never call, baby  
When you say you will (Say you will) but I love you still  
I need you (I need you) more than anyone, darlin'  
You know that I have from the start  
So build me up (Build me up) buttercup, don't break my heart

"I'll be over at ten", you told me time and again  
But you're late, I wait around and then (Bah-dah-dah)  
I run to the door, I can't take any more  
It's not you, you let me down again

(Hey, hey, hey!) Baby, baby, try to find  
(Hey, hey, hey!) A little time, and I'll make you happy  
(Hey, hey, hey!) I'll be home  
I'll be beside the phone waiting for you  
Ooo-oo-ooo, ooo-oo-ooo

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To you I'm a toy but I could be the boy you adore  
If you'd just let me know (Bah-dah-dah)  
Although you're untrue, I'm attracted to you all the more  
Why do I need you so

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*American song from 1960*

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