

EPISODE 1

THE CHALLENGE

- DAD Hm, that's delicious. You know, Nicole, I think that's the best curry the two of us have ever made.
- NICOLE Dad, you always say that.
- DAD Well, as we know, together we're ...
- BOTH ...the world's greatest chefs!
- DAD Hey, your phone's ringing. Aren't you going to answer it?
- NICOLE I can't answer it.
- DAD Why not? Oh, it's almost ready. Listen, Nicole, if you don't want me to overhear what you're saying on the phone, that's OK... I mean you can tell me. I could leave the kitchen for a few minutes, or you could go up to your room.
- NICOLE Dad, it's not that.
- DAD No?
- NICOLE No! Listen, you know my friends Emma, Justin and Liam, right?
- DAD Yes?
- NICOLE Well, we made a bet. We agreed NOT to use our phones for a whole weekend. Whoever loses – whoever does use their phone – has to treat the others at the café next week.
- DAD Ah, I see. Well, I love you, darling, but I think you're going to be spending a lot of money at the café next week.
- NICOLE Dad!
- JUSTIN Hi, Emma.
- EMMA Oh, hey, Justin!
- JUSTIN Did you have a good weekend?
- EMMA Yeah, I had a great weekend.
- JUSTIN Uh-huh.
- EMMA Seriously, I'm not joking.
- JUSTIN Yeah, right. You just loved spending all weekend working on your project for school.
- EMMA Well, yeah, sort of.
- JUSTIN Really?
- EMMA Yes. I've discovered a way to make it fun. I work hard, and then I give myself a reward every now and then.
- JUSTIN Like what?
- EMMA Different things. It could be a piece of chocolate... or... You know what I did this weekend? After every 45 minutes of work, I watched YouTube videos. What's so funny?
- JUSTIN And just how did you watch those YouTube videos?
- EMMA On my phone. Oops! I completely forgot about the bet.
- JUSTIN I thought as much.
- LIAM Hi, guys.
- EMMA Oh, hey, Liam.
- JUSTIN And?
- LIAM And what?
- JUSTIN Did you?
- LIAM What do you think?
- JUSTIN I can't believe you survived the whole weekend without using your phone. That's so not like you!
- LIAM Yeah, you're right. I didn't last one night. What about you guys? Did you manage to have a phone-less weekend?
- EMMA Not me. I was just telling Justin. I watched YouTube videos. I didn't even think about it. It was just automatic. I just can't live without my phone!
- LIAM There you go. It's ridiculous. How can anyone not use their phone for three whole days? Even if I could ... I don't think I'd want to!
- EMMA You know, I'm so happy to hear that. I was feeling guilty thinking I was the only one.
- LIAM Feeling guilty? Don't be silly. Why should you feel guilty about something that makes life so much easier?
- JUSTIN It does, doesn't it?
- EMMA So that means ... you used it, too.
- JUSTIN Well, I really tried not to, and it worked ...
- EMMA What?
- JUSTIN ...for about three hours. And then I just thought, well, none of us is going to make it, so why should I even try? And after all, I didn't want you to have to buy my coffee.
- EMMA Oh, here comes Nicole.
- NICOLE Hey, guys.
- LIAM OK, confess.
- JUSTIN Yeah, tell us. How long did you last without your phone? Ten minutes? Twenty minutes? Half an hour?
- NICOLE Three days, since last Friday.
- EMMA It's OK, Nicole. We've all owned up. You're not the only one who lost the bet. You can tell us.
- NICOLE There's nothing to tell. I didn't use my phone all weekend. In fact, I didn't use any technology all weekend. No TV, no computer, no landline. Nothing.
- LIAM Seriously?
- NICOLE Seriously. No technology at all.
- LIAM All right! We have a winner!
- EMMA Wow, more self-control than me. You're amazing.
- JUSTIN Really, Nicole?
- NICOLE Yes, of course.
- EMMA Oh, hi, Julia.
- JULIA Hi.
- NICOLE What? Julia?
- JULIA Oh, hi, Nicole. I just wanted to say thank you again.
- NICOLE No, it was nothing. Forget it.
- JULIA No, you really helped me with my chemistry assignment.
- JUSTIN Did she? And when did she do that?
- JULIA Last night. I phoned her up, desperate. We were on the phone for like, an hour! And now it all makes sense to me. You're really good at explaining things, Nicole. You should become a teacher.
- LIAM Oh, yeah? Well, I think she has a little more explaining to do.
- NICOLE Anybody want a coffee? I'm buying.

EPISODE 2

WRITER'S BLOCK

- EMMA No, that's no good. That's just that film I saw with Nicole. Oh, I bet Miss Jenkins saw it, too. Oh, this is a nightmare.
- WOMAN Oh, no! Oh, no! Lovely shoes!
- EMMA Are you all right?
- WOMAN Hmm? What? Oh, yes, yes thanks, I'm OK. Well, actually, no, I'm not OK. The keys!
- EMMA Sorry?
- WOMAN The keys! I had them in my hand but I dropped them. Oh no! They went in there!
- EMMA What? Your keys? They fell in there?
- WOMAN Yes, the keys to the gallery.
- EMMA I'm sorry, I ...
- WOMAN I work in an art gallery. I'm the assistant manager.
- EMMA Really? Which gallery?
- WOMAN The Fielding Gallery on Cooper Road.
- EMMA I know that place. It's amazing.
- WOMAN Thank you. Yes, it is a lovely little gallery. I just love it there. I hope to be manager one day.
- EMMA That's great. Is that where you're going now?
- WOMAN Hm?
- EMMA The gallery. Are you going there now?
- WOMAN Yes! There's a big party there tonight for the opening of our new exhibition.
- EMMA Ooh, what exhibition?
- WOMAN Oh, a new painter, he's very good, very expressive. You see his paintings and you just want to dance.
- EMMA Sounds wonderful. I'll definitely try and see it.
- WOMAN See what?
- EMMA The exhibition. At the Fielding Gallery.
- WOMAN The Fielding Gallery? That's where I work! And I really must go there now. I've got to open it for the party tonight. What did I do with my keys? Oh! The keys ... they're in there!
- EMMA Yeah, still.
- WOMAN What am I going to do?
- EMMA Is there someone else who's got the keys that you can call?
- WOMAN No! No one else can be trusted with something so important. The artwork in the gallery is very valuable. I keep the keys with me at all times, and I always find them immediately every time I lose them! It's a good thing I'm such a reliable person.
- EMMA Yes, it certainly is. But I think you may have lost the keys for good this time.
- WOMAN Lost the keys? Don't be silly. I haven't lost them. I know exactly where they are. They're right there, and I simply must get them out! This is awful!
- EMMA OK, calm down. Maybe we can ... Here, let me try, erm... No, it's not good. I can't get my fingers through there. And I can't pull it up either.
- WOMAN Do you have any children?
- EMMA Sorry?
- WOMAN Children. They've got smaller fingers!
- EMMA Erm, sorry, no.
- WOMAN Well, that isn't very helpful, is it? Oh, this is the worst day of my life!
- EMMA We need a stick or something.
- WOMAN Maybe you can get it out with this?
- EMMA Me? OK, I'll try. ... No, it's not long enough. I can see the keys, they're right there, I just can't reach them.
- WOMAN Well, try again. I've got to get them back! I'm going to be late. I wanted to collect my dry cleaning on the way but I won't have time if you don't hurry up with this.
- EMMA Hold on! Dry cleaning? Where are the dry cleaners'?
- WOMAN It's just around the corner, but it's closing time now.
- EMMA OK. Wait here. I'll be right back.
- WOMAN Where are you going?
- EMMA To the dry cleaner's!
- WOMAN That's awfully kind of you, but I can go there tomorrow. Right now I just really need to get these keys out.
- EMMA Trust me. Wait here. Two minutes, OK?
- WOMAN OK. I'll be right here.
- EMMA Excuse me. Could you please let me in?
- MAN Sorry, I'm just closing.
- EMMA No, please, it's an emergency. I really need a hanger.
- MAN Oh, of course, it's an emergency. Well, all right. Come on in and I'll get you one.
- EMMA Oh, thank you!
- WOMAN Oh, lovely shoes!
- EMMA I'm back.
- WOMAN Oh, hello! Where's my dress? Did it fall off the hanger? I mean, it was very nice of you to pick up my dry cleaning, but you really should be more careful with other people's things.
- EMMA I didn't pick up your dry cleaning. I only got the hanger.
- WOMAN Well, I hope he doesn't expect me to pay for dry cleaning when all I got is the hanger. I mean really!
- EMMA You don't have to pay. It's just a hanger.
- WOMAN Oh, all right. To be honest, I never really liked that dress anyway, so it's all good.
- EMMA Now, let's see. Got them! Here you are.
- WOMAN Oh! That's fantastic. You're brilliant! You're a genius ... er, ...?
- EMMA Emma. My name's Emma.
- WOMAN Emma. Emma. Thank you, Emma.
- EMMA Oh, the bus is there. You'd better hurry!
- WOMAN Oh, yes, yes. I'm so very late. Thanks, Emma. You saved my life!
- EMMA "Thanks, Emma. You saved my life!"
- NICOLE That's brilliant, Emma! It's a great story, and really well written. I love it!
- EMMA Miss Jenkins loved it, too. She gave me an A minus, best mark I've ever got in her class!
- JUSTIN Just a minute. You left out the most important part of the story.
- EMMA I did? What?
- JUSTIN Did she ever get her dry cleaning??
- ALL Justin!!

EPISODE 3

THE COMPETITION

NICOLE Hey, Liam.

LIAM Oh! Hi, Nicole. Sorry, I didn't see you there. So how's it going?

NICOLE Fine, fine. Hey, I hear you're thinking of entering that photo competition.

LIAM Oh, yeah?

NICOLE Yeah, Emma told me.

LIAM So she really liked my pictures?

NICOLE Well, I mean ...

LIAM That's great. It's really good when your friends are behind you. You know what I mean?

NICOLE Yes, I guess so.

LIAM You guys are great. I don't think I'd have the courage to do this without the support of my friends. Well, anyway, I've got to go. But thanks, Nicole. See you.

NICOLE Yeah, bye. Well, that didn't go as planned.

EMMA Hey, Liam.

LIAM Hi, Emma. My favourite person in the whole world.

EMMA What? I mean, that's really nice of you. But why?

LIAM I was chatting to Nicole. She said you told her about the photo competition.

EMMA Yeah, about the photo competition ...

LIAM And she told me how much you like my photos.

EMMA She did?

LIAM She did. I really appreciate it. Thanks, Emma. It means a lot to me.

EMMA Oh. You're welcome.

LIAM So do you reckon I could win?

EMMA Um ... I don't see why not.

LIAM Look at this!

NICOLE Hey, Liam.

JUSTIN Hi. So, Liam, are you still thinking of entering the photo competition?

LIAM Absolutely! And I'm going to win it!

JUSTIN Yes, I'm sure you are.

LIAM Thanks, Justin, see you tomorrow. Bye, Nicole.

JUSTIN What?

EMMA So that's it. He's entered.

NICOLE Yes, he's entered.

EMMA There's nothing we can do about it now.

NICOLE Nothing. I tried to talk to him but he just told me what a great friend I was for supporting him. I couldn't say anything after that.

EMMA He did exactly the same with me. He told me he really appreciated my support.

JUSTIN Yeah, I tried, too.

NICOLE You did not! I was there, remember?

EMMA Well, we all failed. All we can do now is hope Liam isn't too disappointed when he loses.

JUSTIN He's just so sure he's going to win. Are you going to the exhibition?

EMMA I should but I'm not sure I can bear it.

NICOLE Let's go together. It'll be easier.

EMMA No. This can't be.

NICOLE What?

JUSTIN These are Liam's photos.

NICOLE They're really good.

JUSTIN I told you so.

NICOLE You did not! You thought they were terrible, we all did!

EMMA I don't understand.

LIAM Hi, guys.

NICOLE Hey, Liam.

LIAM So? What do you think?

EMMA They're brilliant. They're really good!

LIAM Well, thanks.

EMMA But I don't understand. I mean they're not the ones you showed me on your phone.

LIAM Well, of course not. Those were just practice shots to get me thinking about the composition and the lighting. I went back a few days later and took these shots with a proper camera.

JUSTIN Oh. You have a proper camera?

LIAM Well, my mum does, and she let me use it. My phone isn't nearly good enough to take photos like these.

JUSTIN Oh, that explains it.

LIAM So, guess who won the competition. Me!

EMMA Congratulations!

NICOLE That's fantastic!

JUSTIN That's awesome!

NICOLE Like I said, I always knew you could do it!

LIAM Thanks, guys, you really are the best. Come on. Let's go celebrate.

JUSTIN Wait, wait! Let's take a selfie first.

EPISODE 4

THE NEWS CLIP

- EMMA What? You're going to be on the news?
- NICOLE Yes. I was on my way to meet you when I saw a TV cameraman and that reporter who works for the local news channel. The one with the long blonde hair.
- JUSTIN Ah, I know the one. Karen something, right?
- NICOLE Yes, that's her, Karen Stratford. Anyway she stopped me ...
- REPORTER Oh, hi. Excuse me, sorry. Do you have a minute?
- NICOLE Er ... Oh yeah, sure!
- REPORTER Fantastic ...
- NICOLE She wanted to know what I thought about the plans to close down the cinema.
- JUSTIN They're going to close down the cinema? I didn't know that.
- EMMA Don't you ever watch the news?
- LIAM So what did you tell them?
- NICOLE You'll have to wait and see.
- LIAM What do you mean?
- NICOLE I'm inviting you all over to my house to watch me on the news. It's on at half past six.
- JUSTIN You won't be on. I bet they don't show the bit with you in it.
- NICOLE They will. Karen Stratford promised she'd use some of my interview.
- EMMA It's a date. I'll be there.
- LIAM Me, too.
- JUSTIN I've got football practice at five, but I can't miss this. I'll get there, one way or another.
- NICOLE Great, Six twenty-five at my house, then. Don't be late.
- NICOLE This is it. This is it.
- EMMA Liam, you're in my way!
- LIAM Sorry!
- REPORTER We've been speaking with local residents to see what they think about living in a city with no cinema.
- MAN 1 It's just wrong. There's nothing to do in this town as it is.
- WOMAN 2 It doesn't really matter. You can watch any film you want these days online or on demand.
- NICOLE I'm really going to miss it. I go there at least once a month with my friends. I really hope someone opens a new one soon.
- JUSTIN Wow! That was you. That was really you!
- LIAM Is that all they asked you?
- NICOLE Yes, it was really quick.
- LIAM So why were you so late for the bus?
- NICOLE I wasn't that late.
- JUSTIN What's so funny, Emma?
- EMMA I think I know why Nicole was so late. And it wasn't because of the news interview either!
- LIAM What do you mean, Emma?
- EMMA I've just got a text from Julia.
- NICOLE Julia?
- EMMA Yes, and she was in town today. She saw you being interviewed.
- NICOLE Really?
- EMMA Yes, and guess what. She videoed it from across the street. She got the whole thing.
- NICOLE She did? Oh no.
- LIAM What?
- JUSTIN What on earth are you two talking about?
- NICOLE Don't tell me she ...
- EMMA Oh, yes, she did! Come and have a look at this, you lot.
- JUSTIN You didn't tell us about that one, Nicole.
- LIAM I'm not surprised.
- NICOLE How embarrassing. I can't believe she got the whole thing on video.
- EMMA Don't worry. Julia promised she wouldn't post it online. Of course, I never promised that.
- NICOLE Don't you dare!