**Course Title:** ET Sitcom(English Training Sitcom)

**Instructor’s Name:** Jean Paquette

**Classroom:**

**Level Target:** For all levels

**Course description and objectives**

During the two-week course, students will improve their conversation skills in common situations in which conversation happens. These skills include the development of listening ability (targeting key expressions to extract the essence of an interlocutor's intended meaning), the broadening of students' knowledge of common English expressions used in everyday life, and the matching of appropriate responses to an interlocutor's statements. In order to do that, students will watch a sitcom called Third Rock from the Sun in which they will look for useful expressions used in real-life situations. While watching, students will be instructed in the meaning and appropriate use of situational expressions. They will also be asked questions about the sitcom to help them link the expressions' meaning to the appropriate situations in which to use such expressions. Furthermore, they will be asked to create new examples of situations in which the expressions can be used, and they will act them out in a role-play. In the end, students should become confident using the newly learned expressions in appropriate real-life situations.

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| **Dates** | **Class Work** |
| Day 1 |  Episode 2 (dating, wedding, catching a cold) |
| Day 2 |  Episode 3 (talking about age & appropriate behavior) |
| Day 3 |  Episode 4 (gender differences & relationships) |
| Day 4 |  Episode 5 (pointing out inappropriate behavior, apologizing) |
| Day 5 |  Episode 7 (shopping, discussing standards of beauty) |
| Day 6 |  Episode 11 (discussing art, skills, and expectations) |
| Day 7 |  Episode 15 (relationships & personal boundaries, at work) |
| Day 8 |  Episode 16 (cultural identity, dating) |