

Transcript

Sunita Arjun! It's three o'clock!

Arjun Yeah... So?

Sunita So, we need to pick up Deepak from school.

Arjun Oh. Could you go and get him? I'm busy!

Sunita What do you mean, you're busy?

Arjun Just doing some work.

Sunita I think it might be better if you switch it on first! So you're busy, you can't go and pick up Deepak from school, and you're working? Wow!

Arjun Actually, I've just finished. Oh look... it's three o'clock, time to go and get Deepak from school. I'll go and get him.

Sunita Oh, that's so kind of you, thank you! Oh... we don't have any coffee. Maybe you can pick some up, when you're in town?

Arjun Yeah, OK. I'll take Deepak into town with me. We need to get a few things too.

(The phone rings)

Sunita Hello?

Teacher Hello, Mrs Chowdry?

Sunita Speaking.

Teacher Oh, hello Mrs Chowdry. It's Mrs Palmer here. Deepak's school teacher.

Sunita Oh yes, hello. Is everything OK? My husband has gone to collect Deepak from school. He's not late is he?

Teacher No, no, everything's fine. And his reading's getting much better now. But I didn't have time to speak with your husband today.

Sunita Oh, what about?

Teacher Well, it's just that today, in class, Deepak said he couldn't see the whiteboard very well.

Sunita Oh...

Teacher At home, does he have problems seeing things? Like the TV or anything?

Sunita Oh I don't know.

Teacher Or....



English in my home – Someone on the phone - The teacher's phone call

- Sunita I've never noticed.
- Teacher Well, I was thinking. Perhaps he needs glasses.
- Sunita Glasses?
- Teacher Yeah. But, the thing is, sometimes it's difficult to talk about this with children. Some children, you know, they just don't want to wear glasses, they're worried that they'll look silly, or that the other children will laugh.
- Sunita I see.
- Teacher So, perhaps if you found a good time to sit down with Deepak and talk about it with him. You could explain it, you know, tell him that there's nothing wrong with wearing glasses.
- Sunita Right.
- Teacher And then maybe go and see an optician, get an eye test for him.
- Sunita I see.
- Teacher It's important for him to understand why glasses can be good for him. He needs to feel positive about it, you know, feel good about the glasses.
- Sunita Oh. OK, well, I'll talk with my husband about it this evening.
- Teacher Ok, well, I hope that's helpful. I just wanted to tell you.
- Sunita Yes, well, thank you very much.
- Teacher OK, Mrs Chowdry. Bye.
- Sunita Bye. So Deepak needs glasses!
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- Arjun OK Deepak, can you go to the toilet now please? And remember to wash your hands.
- Sunita Hi.
- Arjun Hi there.
- Sunita Deepak's teacher phoned.
- Arjun Oh?
- Sunita But we'll talk about it later. When Deepak's gone to sleep.
- Arjun OK. Expensive day today! I hope you won't be angry with me!
- Sunita Why?



English in my home – Someone on the phone - The teacher's phone call

- Arjun Well, I noticed that Deepak sometimes doesn't see very well. Like, he often sits very close to the TV.
- Sunita You noticed?! Arjun!
- Arjun Yes, so I took him to the optician's last week. And he had an eye test.
- Sunita You did?
- Arjun Yes. Didn't I tell you that?
- Sunita No! I'm just, surprised, that's all!
- Arjun Anyway, so.... I got him some glasses. And we picked them up today.
- Sunita Oh!
- Arjun But you know, it's important for him to feel good about his glasses, about wearing them.
- Sunita Arjun, did you talk to Deepak's teacher?
- Arjun What? No? Why?
- Sunita No, I'm just wondering. Yes, I mean I know that's true. But how are you going to get him to feel good about wearing glasses? That's very difficult....
- Arjun What?! No, it's easy. I'm showing him that glasses can be fun. Look...
- Sunita Sometimes, I think *you* are the 6-year-old!
- Arjun Well, why not? When I wear these glasses, Deepak wants to wear his glasses too!
- Sunita You know what, sometimes, you can be a really really good dad!
- Arjun 'Sometimes'? What do you mean 'sometimes'? Deepak! Come and show mummy your glasses. I'm wearing mine!

