



This Student Life

Online tutorial

SCENE 1

Katie and Cheryl are at Katie's flat

Katie:

Come on Cher, I thought you said you'd done one of these before.

Cheryl:

I've done Live Chat and Skyping but I haven't done an OU tutorial online, have I?

Katie:

It's starting in fifteen minutes. What's the problem?

Cheryl:

The problem is I can't actually work out what you click on to get into the room.

Katie:

Typical! You said..

Cheryl:

If you say "you said" one more time, I swear.. Wait. That's it. Oh I get it now.

Katie:

What? What d'you get Cher?

Cheryl:

Oh it's here under Resources, look where it says Cluster Group Online Tutorial Room.

Katie:

Cluster group? What does that mean?

Cheryl:

I don't know and I don't care, because we are about to go live. Look its loading now.

Katie:

Oh, I'm so nervous.

Cheryl:

What you got to be nervous about?

Katie:

What if everyone's cleverer than me? I bet they've all read ahead. I haven't even read this week's chapter yet.

Cheryl:

You'll be fine. Look we're in, you'd better take over. There seems to be quite a few people.

Katie:

You're not going are you?

Cheryl:

I'm just going to check in on Jade, that's all. I don't want to miss this.

SCENE 2

Neil is at his Mum's house

Neil: (shouts)

No thanks Mum, you're fine I've got a cup of tea.

Neil: (to himself)

Right, now let's get onto this online tutorial and see what's going on. At least I don't have to worry about spelling here.

SCENE 3

Ted has just returned from a run and comes in from the street. He is puffing.

Ted: (shouts to Donna)

Donna, I'm back. Any chance of a cuppa?

Donna: (from an upstairs room)

I'm about to go online, Ted. Can't you do it yourself?

Ted:

I've just run nine miles! Is it really too much to ask.

Donna:

Why don't you have a shower first?

Ted: (sounding slightly disgruntled)

Fine. You play on my computer. I'll have a shower.

SCENE 4

At Neil's mums house

Neil: (shouting)

No, Mum, I don't want a sandwich. I'm about to join this online tutorial. (to himself) If I'm allowed to, of course. Jeez, look at all these, there's 30 students here.

SCENE 5

The online tutorial starts

Martin:

Hello everyone, I'm Martin, your online tutor for tonight. I know I've met some of you before, but just before we go any further ...

SCENE 6

At Katie's flat

Cheryl:

It's all a bit odd isn't it?

Katie:

Shhh, Cher, I'm listening.

Cheryl:

Hey, is that your friend Donna?

Katie:

Do you have to point over my shoulder?

Cheryl:

I was only asking!

Katie:

He's just asked people if they want to turn on their webcams.

Cheryl:

Go on Katie, why don't you?

SCENE 7

At Neil's mums house

Neil:

Right, now where's my webcam? I think it's this button. I just have to put the hands up icon on. Ah, okay I'm number 6 behind Donna and Katie.

SCENE 8

At Donna's house

Ted:

Oh, I feel better for that shower. I'm worn out though. Could do with that cuppa now?

Donna:

Just a minute Ted. I'm just going to put my webcam on.

Ted:

You're what?

Donna:

Hello everyone. My name's Donna and I live in Kentonville. This is my first ever online tutorial and I'm really enjoying it.

SCENE 9

Introductions

Neil:

That's great Donna. Right, it's just this lass Katie, then my turn.

SCENE 10

Getting started

Katie:

Okay, here goes. I'm Katie. What? You can't see me? Cher?

Cheryl:

Look you've only pressed video preview, press the video button.

Katie:

Sorry about, that it's working now, thanks to my friend Cheryl. Say "hello" Cher. Er, I'm a single Mum. Jade is 6 months, and asleep, and I'm hoping she doesn't wake.

SCENE 11

The tutorial

Neil:

Right, I'm up next. Bloody hell, it's that lass from the café, the one Dave tried to chat up. I can't let her see me. What if she remembers me?

Martin:

Thanks Katie and next is Neil. Neil, do you want to use your webcam? Neil?

Neil:

No chance mate. How d'you log off?

Martin:

Neil? Oh dear, it looks like Neil is having some technical issues. Okay Brian, is your webcam working?

SCENE 12

The tutorial finishes

Katie:

Wow, that was amazing. Did you see all them people, and you know what, I don't think I was the most stupid.

Cheryl:

You defo weren't.

Jade starts crying

Crying noise

Katie:

Oh, that's Jade. I'd better go and get her.

Cheryl:

I'm going to have to go Katie. I'm going out with Sylvie tonight. I've nothing to wear. I'm going to have to pop into town and get something.

Katie:

Nothing to wear? You must have wardrobes full of clothes. Right I better get Jade up before she kicks off.

Cheryl:

I'm glad your tutorial went well. I'll pop round tomorrow.

Katie:

You won't, you'll be hung over.

SCENE 13

At Donna's house

Donna:

It was really good Ted. There were 33 of us there.

Ted:

Really.

Donna:

Some of them never said a word. That's strange isn't it? Why go to a tutorial and just sit there?

Ted:

I doubt you gave them much of a chance.

Donna:

Of course I did. You just don't like it because I'm doing something on my own.

Ted:

That's not true, Donna. But, you know, this course is starting to take over your life. There are other things, you know.

Donna:

Such as what?

Ted:

Well the housework doesn't do itself, does it?

Donna:

I should know.

SCENE 14

At Neil's

Neil: (shouts)

No Mum, I don't want a piece of cake.

Mobile phone rings

Ringling sound

Neil:

It's Dave. What's he want? Hello.

Dave: (on phone)

Alright mate, how's it going up north.

Neil:

Fine. What do you want? I thought you were spending time with Ben.

Dave:

Yeah, I was, but he's in the amusement arcade, so I thought I'd see how you are.

Neil:

Right I get it. You're bored.

Dave:

No. I'm just ...

Neil:

I'm not much in the mood for aimless chitchat.

Dave:

Why? What's up?

Neil:

I'll tell you on Monday, but do you remember that lass in the cafe with the OU books?

Dave:

The one that couldn't take her eyes off me you mean?

Neil:

No, the one that looked at you like you'd just fallen off her shoe.

Dave:

Oh, that one. What about her?

Neil:

She was at my online tutorial.

Dave:

She's stalking you mate.

Neil:

She never saw me.

Dave:

Oh sorry Neil, this is going to have to keep. I think Ben's gambled all his money away.

Neil:

Like father, like son, eh?