

Ma France Unite 3 Languages: video A

The Berrow family left Scotland to come and live in France here in Lyon. Today, they are playing the game of seven families.

Lloyd: Lucca, the grandfather, the five. Sylvie do you have the three, the father?

Sylvie: Yes.

Nat: So, Sylvie, can you introduce me to your family?

Sylvie: Yes, well, I'll start with me. I'm the mother, my name is Sylvie.

Nat: And how many languages do you speak?

Sylvie: I speak three languages quite well, very well even. French is my native language, English, I speak fluently, Italian, I speak it very well and then a little bit of Spanish and a little bit of German.

Nat: We continue ?

Sylvie: Yes, this is my husband Lloyd.

Lloyd: Hello.

Nat: So Lloyd, how do you spell it?

Lloyd: L L Y O D.

Nat: And where are you from, Lloyd?

Lloyd: I'm from Aberdeen, Scotland.

Sylvie: So, let me introduce you to my son, the oldest.

Lucca: Lucca.

Sylvie: Lucca.

Nat: So how is Lucca spelled?

Lucca: L . U . two C.A.

Sylvie: And now I introduce you to my youngest son, Rocco.

Nat: Rocco, so how do you spell it?

Rocco: R O C C O.

Nat: You sure?

Rocco: Yes.

Nat: So, how many languages do you speak, Rocco?

Rocco: I speak English and French.

Rocco: Do you have the 6, grandma? ... if!
Lucca: Just kidding.
Lloyd: Oh! No!
Sylvie: Do you have a family?
Lloyd: That's not true!
Rocco: Son, daughter, father, mother, grandfather and grandmother.
Sylvie: We're going to play something else, huh? We're going to play hangman! All right?
Everybody: yes!

Sylvie is a language teacher and likes to play with words. Here is an 8-letter word, guess what, consonant or vowel?

Sylvie: A letter. Someone offer a letter?
Rocco: An R.
Sylvie: Yes.
Rocco: Yes.
Lucca: I.
Sylvie: Yes.
Lucca: Squirrel!
Sylvie: Yes, that's it.
Lloyd: Oh! Super!
Lucca: 6 letters.
Rocco: U
Lucca: No.
Sylvie: And another vowel, i.
Lucca: Yes.
Lloyd: O. Please.
Lucca: Yes.
Sylvie: A. Great.
Rocco: Uh... P.
Sylvie: Yes.
Rocco: Friend.

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Meet the Berrow family. Lloyd is Scottish, Sylvie is French. They now live in France, in Lyon. The whole family is bilingual.

Nat: Who talks to whom?

Sylvie: Yes, it's a little bit complicated, it depends. But it's true that, in general, I speak English to Lloyd, because I want to continue speaking English, so for me it's still a good source. And he, in general, answers me in French. ... Yes, that's it.

Lloyd: Yes.

Sylvie: Otherwise, to my children, I speak French. Most of the time I speak French.

Nat: What do you find difficult about English?

Sylvie: It's not too difficult a language to learn. But, it's true that it's really the intonation at the beginning and the accent that... which is very difficult to acquire.

Nat: Lloyd, what do you find difficult about French?

Lloyd: Uh! Well, a couple of things. Pronunciation is very difficult sometimes. Television has also been a part of my life. I found it very, very difficult. Even now, sometimes I lose half a televised speech. It's still difficult.

Nat: Are there words in English that you never dare to pronounce?

Sylvie: Yes. Sheet of paper. I don't like to say it.

Nat: What? Repeat, please.

Sylvie: Sheeeet of paper !

Nat: Again.

Sylvie: Sheeeet of paper. Because... for the obvious reason.

Lloyd: At first, when I was learning French, I didn't really understand this "you" and "you" thing. And I didn't dare to say "you" because I didn't know if it was... if it was political. And there you have it, I was always addressing people as "you". There you go.

Nat: What do you do when you don't understand?

Sylvie: So, in general when I don't understand uh... If I'm talking to someone, I'm using the body, huh... I use 'The Body Language' and it's true that it helps a lot. We can make gestures.

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Nat: Now you're going to play with me. All right. I'm going to show you letters and you can guess what the letters mean. All right? So TGV. What does that mean?

Rocco: Uh... Ben...

Sylvie: You know? I know.

Lloyd: I know.

Lucca: I know.

Sylvie: Vas-y Lucca.

Lucca: It's a train... a fast train.

Sylvie: Yes. But what does TGV mean?

Lloyd: Very high speed.

Lucca: Train...

Rocco: High-speed train.

Nat: Hey! Super. High-speed train.

Nat: Are you ready? Yes... Ah! Ah! What does comic mean?

Lloyd: It's for Mom.

Nat: Sylvie. Sylvie: It means comic strip.

Nat: Do you agree Rocco?

Rocco: Yes.

Nat: Are you ready for another one?

Everyone: Yes.

Lloyd: Who's it?

Nat: What does that mean, OL? Ma France Unit 3 Languages – Video C

Lloyd: Ah! It's for Lucca.

Rocco: Olympique Lyonnais!

Nat: What?

Rocco: Olympique Lyonnais.

Nat: You sure? Lucca?

Lucca: Yes.

Nat: Hey! Not bad.