

Course: Advance

Level 2

Day №17

***How often do you visit your grandparents?
Where do they live?***



Situation: Joo-Kyung's mother died a year ago, and now her 72-year old father lives alone in an apartment. Joo-Kyung just received a phone call from the owner of the apartment. She's telling her husband some bad news.

Jane: Bad news, John. That was Mr. Moon. You know, the guy who owns my father's apartment.

John: What's up? Is your father OK?

Jane: Yes, yes, he's fine. That's not what he called about. Mr. Moon wants my father to move out of his apartment at the end of the month.

John: What? In 30 days? Why?

Jane: I'm not sure. He was very vague about it. Maybe Mr. Moon is afraid my father will die in the apartment.

John: Oh, and he thinks that would be bad luck... and nobody will want to rent it again?

Jane: Yeah, maybe, something like that.

John: But your father's in good health. Moon can't do that.

Jane: Yes, he can. The lease is over at the end of the month.

John: Oh, yes, that's right. What are we going to do?



Jane: Since I'm the only child, we have to take care of him. He will come to live with us.

John: Here? In this tiny apartment? There are only 2 bedrooms. We can't move our two sons out of their small bedroom.

Jane: What else can we do? I'm his only child. We have to take care of him.

John: Maybe we could look for a new place to live. A bigger place.

Jane: In New York? You know that's impossible. We looked last year and everything in this area of the city is too expensive. We need to move away from New York. Somewhere cheap.

John: But then I would be far away from my office. It might take me up to two hours on the train. I hate to commute.

Jane: OK. The only way is for Father to live with us, here in this apartment.

John: Impossible!



Check your understanding

Answer these questions. Circle a, b, or c.

1. **Jane's father lives:**

- a) by himself b) with Mr. Moon c) with Jane

2. **Mr. Moon probably wants Jane's father to move out because he:**

- a) wants more money for the apartment
b) doesn't want anyone to die in the apartment
c) doesn't like Jane

3. **Jane thinks that her father should:**

- a) stay in his apartment b) live with Kwon and her c) find a new apartment

4. **Jane thinks they should move away from New York, but John:**

- a) loves New York and refuses to leave b) wants to live close to his work.
c) wants to be near his own family.

5. **It's important for Jane to take care of her father because:**

- a) she's the oldest child b) she has more money than her brothers c) she is an only child.



***What do you think must
Jane do in the given
situation?***

What are you going to do if you were
in her situation?



TAKING CARE OF THE PARENTS



What was Jane's problem?

Read the opinions of these four people. Who do you agree with most?
Rate the opinions from 1 to 4 (1 = strongly agree; 4 = strongly disagree).



ANNA: I don't see what the problem is. Jane and John should find another apartment for her father.



MARK: They should move to a larger house away from New York. That way everyone can live comfortably.



IRIS: They should find a nursing home for the father. That's the best solution for everyone.

SHINGO: John is being selfish. Jane's father should move in to their apartment with them.



Some of your friends have problems with their old parents who are living with them. What would you advice them?



SITUATION 1: The 80-year-old mother of your friend is always putting her nose in his wife's every move. His wife is complaining to him that she feels bad that someone is always watching her and is dictating everything she should do. If she doesn't follow her mother-in-law, she criticizes her badly.

SITUATION 2: The 75-year-old father of your friend is bedridden. Unfortunately, everyone's too busy to take care of him. Your friend and his wife hold fulltime jobs, and their 2 teenaged children are in school for almost the whole day.

CULTURE CORNER

Growing Old – What People Fear

- GERMANY – Fear of losing memory and mental capacity
- THAILAND – Fear of losing eyesight
- HOLLAND – Fear of gaining weight
- BELGIUM – Fear of losing control of body functions
- FRANCE – Fear of losing attractive appearance
- USA – Fear of losing independence
- BRAZIL – Fear of losing teeth
- ARGENTINA – Fear of losing sexual drive
- JAPAN – Fear of having children worry too much
- INDIA – Fear of losing hair



***Thank you for
today!***

***I'm looking forward to
seeing you again!***