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## The White Elephant

### 19: Love



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*NB: This is not a word-for-word transcript*

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**Ceilia**

Oh! Who left this box of chocolates here?

**Mary**

Who are they for?

**Ceilia**

Well, you must have a secret admirer... it's got your name on it.

**Mary**

Oh I love chocolate too.

**Ceilia**

Do you know who they're from?

**Mary**

Oh, they'll be from Peter... he's always buying me little gifts.

**Ceilia**

That's very sweet. Has he got the hots for you?

**Mary**

No, he's just pleased to have a friend. Sssh, here he comes.

**Peter**

There it is...

**Ceilia**

Everything OK Gordon?

**Gordon**

Yes of course. Why do you have to keep asking that?

**Mary**

There's no love lost between you two!

**Celia**

Yes, well it's a love-hate relationship. More hate than love!

**Gordon**

Actually, it's this chocolate soufflé I'm making. I can't seem to get the right type of milk chocolate for love nor money.

**Mary**

Oh... would you like to use one of these?

**Gordon**

Yes.

**Mary**

Gordon! I said just use one. These were a present.

**Gordon**

I know... I mean... cooking is a labour of love and sometimes I get carried away.

**Mary**

Oh Peter. I'm so sorry. The chocolates you bought for me... Gordon's just used them all in the soufflé.

**Peter**

Chocolates? I didn't buy you any chocolates Mary – why would I do that?

**Mary**

Then who were they from?

**Celia**

Ooo, I love a good mystery.

## Vocabulary

### **a secret admirer**

somebody who likes someone else very much but doesn't tell them

### **love (something) to bits**

love (something) very much

### **got the hots for (someone)**

is very attracted to (someone)

### **no love lost (between two people)**

you don't like each other

### **a love-hate relationship**

a relationship with someone or something where your feelings often change from love to hate

### **for love nor money**

impossible to get

### **a labour of love**

work that is hard but enjoyable to do

## Questions

1. Who does Mary think has bought her chocolates?

HINT: Watch the video again.

- a) Gordon
- b) She doesn't know
- c) Peter

2. How does Ceilia describe her feelings for Gordon?

HINT: Look at the vocab reference again for something appropriate!

- a) She loves him
- b) She hates him
- c) She has mixed feelings for him

3. Why couldn't Gordon make his chocolate soufflé?

HINT: What phrase does Gordon use and what does it mean?

- a) He hasn't got any money to buy more chocolate
- b) He can't find the right type of chocolate.
- c) He doesn't like chocolate

## Answers

1. Who does Mary think has bought her chocolates?
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  - c) **Peter**
  
2. How does Ceilia describe her feelings for Gordon?
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  - b) She hates him
  - c) **She has mixed feelings for him**
  
3. Why couldn't Gordon make his chocolate soufflé?
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  - b) **He can't find the right type of chocolate.**
  - c) He doesn't like chocolate