

## Dialogue Matching with “Friends”

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**Level:** Intermediate to advance

**Purpose:** Viewing comprehension

**Material:** - video player  
- a video with the dialogue  
- a worksheet

### **Procedure:**

**Before class (for the teacher):** Select a sequence with three to five speaking parts. Prepare a list of the names of the characters, along with a separate list of eight to ten lines of dialogue from the sequence, not necessarily in the order they appear in the sequence. Make enough copies for all the students.

### **In class:**

1. Distribute the lists.
2. Pre-teach unfamiliar words.
3. Tell the Ss you are going to play a sequence without sound. Their task is to watch the sequence and then match each line of dialogue with the character who said it.
4. Play the sequence with the sound *turned down*.
5. The Ss work in pairs and match each line of dialogue with one of the characters on the list.
6. Play the sequence with the sound *turned up*. The Ss check their answers.
7. Go through the dialogue lines with the class, asking for volunteers how they knew which character had said each line.

### Match the dialogue with the character

#### Extract from the series "Friends"

Monica      Ross   Janice      Rachel      Chandler      Joey   Phoebe

Rachel                      "Janice has a question, who of the six of you has slept with who of the six of you?"

Monica                      "Yeah. You know what?  
if that doesn't change soon... I'm going to  
dump you for somebody who puts out.

Wow, it's like a dirty math problem.

Ross                          Well, that's really a different question.

I'm sorry, the answer there would be none of us.

Chandler                      I find it hard to believe that a group of people who spends as  
much time together as you guys do has never bumped  
uglies.

What?

Phoebe                      Okay, but let's say there was.  
How might that go?

Excuse me, there was no time.

Joey                          Well there was one time that Monica and Rachel got  
together.

Come on. Over the years, none of you ever  
got, you know, drunk and stupid?

Janice                        Anybody need more coffee?

Okay, Okay,  
well, answer this:  
Have any of you ever almost...?

Hey, there's a dog out there!