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A to Z Am I the Jerk 03: The Medical Diagnosis

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00:00:01 Jack

Welcome to the A-Z English podcast. This is a podcast that is meant to help you improve your English.

00:00:08 Jack

We do a lot of different types of episodes today.

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We are doing and am I the jerk episode in this episode social and I will read a story.

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And you have to decide if the writer of the story is a jerk or not a jerk.

00:00:28 Jack

And we have never heard this story either. So this is the first time that we are we are reading this and so we are going to give our opinions, but we would love to hear from you in the WhatsApp group or in e-mail format A-Z englishpodcast@gmail.com our e-mail is A-Z english@gmail.com.

00:00:49 Jack

So let's get started.

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I'll just read.

00:00:52 Jack

This first am I.

00:00:53Jack

Jerk for not canceling my plans after my boyfriend learned about his medical diagnosis.

00:01:02Jack

I am a 25 year old female and I work in event planning so I always get invites or tickets.

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To go to high.

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End events.

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There was a huge event coming up that I was really excited to go to.

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I asked my boy.

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Friend 27, three days before the event to accompany me and he said yes. So originally the plan was my boyfriend, my step step sister and myself on the day of the event, he said he had a doctor's appointment, so he isn't sure if he can still attend. I said no problem and I waited for him to return home.

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A couple of hours later.

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He texted me and said he has something to tell me.

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I got worried and called him immediately.

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I asked if.

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Everything was OK and he said he was diagnosed with anemia, so he'll have to take supplements.

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I expressed how.

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Sorry, that's OK.

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Uh, I was surprised, too.

00:02:00Jack

I thought it.

00:02:01Jack

Was going to be more serious.

00:02:04 Jack

I expressed how sorry I was and spoke to him for about 2 hours, gave him pep talks, told him I'm here if he needs me, reassured him that I will always love him, etcetera.

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I then asked if he would still like to attend the event with me to take his mind off of things to which he responded.

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That he doesn't like the artists performing, so he'd rather go to another event.

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I said no problem.

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I will go with my step sister alone.

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He hung up.

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I called him back.

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And started an argument about how.

00:02:40 발표자

He he called.

00:02:41 Jack

Me back and started an argument about how I'm selfish for going out while he's through going through something.

00:02:49 Jack

I told him that I already made plans with my step sister and I can't back out now as she's depending on me.

00:02:57 Jack

I don't think I'm a jerk for this situation.

00:03:01 Jack

What do you think?

00:03:05 Xochitl

You only kick it off.

00:03:06 Jack

Yeah, yeah.

00:03:07 Jack

You go ahead.

00:03:08 Jack

Start it.

00:03:08 Jack

Off here.

00:03:08 Xochitl

I really, I really don't see how she's a jerk at all.

00:03:12 Xochitl

I think he's kind of.

00:03:13 Xochitl

Being a jerk.

00:03:15 Xochitl

I thought it was going to be something really serious.

00:03:18 Xochitl

I have anemia.

00:03:19 Xochitl

For the record I have like a genetic predisposition to it and I just like randomly will get it and it's not, it's not.

00:03:25 Xochitl

A big deal like.

00:03:26 Xochitl

At all and.

00:03:28 Jack

What are the?

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What are the symptoms of anemia?

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So just for our listeners out?

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There, like anemia, is an EMIA.

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I think is if that's the right spelling.

00:03:38 Xochitl

OK, when you.

00:03:40 Xochitl

If it's like a really mild case and people don't even really notice they have it like get like blood work when it's more severe, you just kind of like lightheaded and tired and you really pale and like fatigue, really easily fatigued if our listeners don't know is like when you just get easily tired or you just feel like sleepy.

00:03:58 Xochitl

At the time.

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Right.

00:04:01 Xochitl

So it's really not, it's not a serious health condition or anything like to the point that he made it out to be and it's pretty easily managed with like iron supplements or changing your like diet.

00:04:17 Xochitl

So I don't know.

00:04:19 Xochitl

It seemed kind of ridiculous.

00:04:20 Xochitl

Also, the fact that he said he wanted to go to another event, it's not like he said he wanted to stay home because he wasn't feeling well or something.

00:04:27 Xochitl

He said he wanted to go to some other thing and then since he was like that.

00:04:32 Xochitl

He got mad.

00:04:33 Xochitl

I don't really know.

00:04:34 Xochitl

He sounds like he's being kind of a jerk.

00:04:37 Xochitl

And like a little bit manipulative.

00:04:39 Xochitl

So like, yeah.

00:04:41 Jack

So I'm I'll I'll give my interpretation of this is totally not the jerk.

00:04:47 Jack

She is not the jerk, and I'm almost gonna say the boyfriend is the jerk in this situation.

00:04:53 Xochitl

Yeah. Thank you.

00:04:54 Jack

Like, it's almost a reversal.

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She he is he if he if it was a cancer diagnosis diagnosis.

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I totally understand everything shuts down and it's just like.

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Everybody needs to attend to his needs in that moment because he's really scared.

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That's a life threatening illness.

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I would understand that if she, you know, if she didn't, you know, if didn't come over and help him.

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OK, that's totally understandable.

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But this is like a different situation.

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Like you said, it's manageable.

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It's not fun.

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It's not a.

00:05:26 Jack

It's not good news.

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But he didn't say I have to go home and rest in bed, lie in bed for forever.

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He he wanted to go to another event.

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He just wanted.

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He just feels like this is a free card for me to do whatever I want to do tonight.

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And maybe milk it for like another week or another, two weeks or a month and just make her do whatever he wants to do because he's gonna play the anemia card every time.

00:05:56 Xochitl

He's being entitled, I feel like.

00:06:00 Xochitl

And it's just like a weird.

00:06:01 Xochitl

Also, it's not a permanent condition.

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It's like you can.

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It's not like permanent.

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It's not chronic, which is.

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As our viewers may or may not know, it's like a permanent or ongoing condition, and anemia is curable.

00:06:14 Xochitl

That's treatable, curable condition, and it's manageable.

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It's not like a terminal thing or a severe illness.

00:06:20 Xochitl

So yeah, he's really playing it up too.

00:06:21 Jack

Right.

00:06:23 Xochitl

So he's a jerk, yeah.

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He's just maybe he doesn't.

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Know what what it meant or something?

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Or he.

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Just it sounds serious.

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You know, like I have anemia.

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Ohh no, it's.

00:06:36 Xochitl

Well, the doctor like.

00:06:37 Xochitl

Explains what the situation is.

00:06:39 Xochitl

I feel like I don't have any sympathy for him because he wanted to go to another event if he was like, I feel really sick.

00:06:45 Xochitl

And I like almost fainted because that can happen.

00:06:48 Xochitl

Then I'd be like, oh, I would get it.

00:06:50 Xochitl

But he was like, I wanted to do something else.

00:06:51Xochitl

Oh, how dare you not?

00:06:52Xochitl

Come with me.

00:06:53Xochitl

I have a need.

00:06:54Xochitl

You OK, grow up.

00:06:55Jack

Right, right.

00:06:56Jack

But it's gonna, you know, it might be like, do you want to go to McDonald's or Taco Bell?

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And then she says McDonald's and he says Taco Bell.

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I have anemia.

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And then.

00:07:06Jack

Now they have to.

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Go to Taco Bell and do you want to watch the new Avatar movie or the new?

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You know, what do you call it?

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Like a romantic comedy.

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And then she wants the romantic comedy.

00:07:17Jack

He wants the action movie.

00:07:19Jack

I have anemia.

00:07:20Jack

We have to watch my.

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So every time there's some like, you know, decision, he can just say.

00:07:26Jack

I have anemia so we have to do what I want to do and so.

00:07:30 Xochitl

And you start pulling the new car.

00:07:32 Jack

Yeah, you should.

00:07:33 Jack

I guess it it doesn't.

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Seem to work very well because this.

00:07:36 Xochitl

No, it does sound stupid.

00:07:37 Jack

Girl uh.

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She stood up for.

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Herself and she, she said no to him.

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And I think she's right.

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So, uh, good for good for her and uh, maybe he's not the perfect boyfriend, you know.

00:07:52 Xochitl

No, don't don't like it.

00:07:53 Jack

I've seen those, yeah.

00:07:54 Xochitl

Any of you guys can let us know what they think in e-mail format or do our WhatsApp group as well.

00:08:01 Xochitl

So just let us know whether you think she's a jerk or he's a.

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Or what?

00:08:06 Xochitl

Your take on situation is.

00:08:08 Jack

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There you go. Bye bye.

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Bye bye.

00:08:22 발표자

Can you dig it?