

# A to Z English

## A to Z Am I The Jerk 06: A Listener's Email

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[00:00:00](#)Xochitl

Welcome to another episode of A-Z English podcast listening. Today, we're going to be doing a special among the jerk episode where Jack reads an e-mail from the viewer and we decide whether the person involved in the story is a.

[00:00:15](#)Xochitl

Jerk or not?

[00:00:16](#)Xochitl

Make sure to chime in with your opinions and the WhatsApp group Jack you want.

[00:00:22](#)Jack

So I've got an e-mail.

[00:00:23](#)Jack

I got an e-mail from Shaima and Shaima is from Egypt.

[00:00:27](#)Jack

And she actually.

[00:00:28](#)Jack

Has a a kind of situation where she is wondering, am I the jerk in this situation?

[00:00:34](#)Jack

Am I right or am I wrong and so I would?

[00:00:37](#)Jack

I would like to read her e-mail for everybody today.

[00:00:41](#)Jack

And then we'll go ahead and give our opinions about what we whether we think you know.

[00:00:46](#)Jack

Who The Who?

[00:00:46](#)Jack

We think the jerk is, or maybe nobody is the jerk.

[00:00:50](#)Jack

So, Schumer writes.

[00:00:52](#)Jack

I want to uh, sorry I had a close friend who I considered a sister.

[00:00:57](#)Jack

When we graduated, we worked at the same school where there was someone who tried to cause problems for me.

[00:01:05](#)Jack

I made a complaint to the headmaster and the headmaster asked me if anyone witnessed the situation.

[00:01:13](#)Jack

My friend knew how he tried to cause trouble for me, but she denied everything.

[00:01:19](#)Jack

When the headmaster asked her.

[00:01:22](#)Jack

After that, she justified what happened by saying that she was afraid of the headmaster.

[00:01:28](#)Jack

He could cause problems for her too.

[00:01:31](#)Jack

She added that I am strong and I can face the problems, but she is, but she can't.

[00:01:37](#)Jack

Unfortunately, I couldn't forgive her, although I sympathized with her and understood her reasons, I couldn't trust her anymore.

[00:01:46](#)Jack

Am I AJ?

[00:01:48](#)Jack

This makes me not trust anyone easily.

[00:01:51](#)Jack

I've become certain that better done is better than well said.

[00:01:55](#)Jack

Thanks in advance.

[00:01:56](#)Jack

For reading my e-mail.

[00:01:57](#)Jack

Kind regards yours.

[00:02:01](#)Jack

So what do you think?

[00:02:03](#)Xochitl

OK, show me.

[00:02:05](#)Xochitl

I really sympathize or empathize, I guess is when you go you, you go, you've gone to something somewhere.

[00:02:13](#)Xochitl

I can empathize with you because I'm a very loyal friend and person.

[00:02:18](#)Xochitl

I tend to only stick up with poor people who won't stick up for me in return.

[00:02:24](#)Xochitl

And I'm sure that if your son had been in that situation, you would.

[00:02:28](#)Xochitl

Have told the.

[00:02:28](#)Xochitl

Truth and and backed her up and been loyal.

[00:02:33](#)Xochitl

So I think that's why it really hurts you.

[00:02:36](#)Xochitl

I don't think you are the direct in this situation.

[00:02:39](#)Xochitl

I can see why you're hurt.

[00:02:41](#)Xochitl

I I understand her reasoning that she was scared, but at the same time.

[00:02:48](#)Xochitl

I think.

[00:02:51](#)Xochitl

Well, that's no excuse.

[00:02:53](#)Xochitl

For not doing the right thing.

[00:02:56](#)Xochitl

Ultimately and.

[00:03:02](#)Xochitl

And you really need someone to sell.

[00:03:04](#)Xochitl

In your life.

[00:03:06](#)Xochitl

But you know.

[00:03:07](#)Xochitl

She she put herself 1st.

[00:03:08](#)Xochitl

And I mean well, that's can be understandable in certain situations.

[00:03:12](#)Xochitl

I don't think that your expectations are probably unreasonable at all.

[00:03:17](#)Xochitl

I want to say that like I once I trust in somebody a lot and that person really hurt me and I was talking to my best friend about it and I said I feel like I can't trust anyone anymore.

[00:03:29](#)Xochitl

And she said, no, you can't trust that person anymore.

[00:03:32](#)Xochitl

So I think you should think of it that way.

[00:03:34](#)Xochitl

Like, don't let this affect, even though it's easier.

[00:03:37](#)Xochitl

Have been done.

[00:03:38](#)Xochitl

Don't let this affect your ability to trust other people.

[00:03:41](#)Xochitl

Just take it and experience with them and don't trust them for this kind of backup anymore, cause they've proven that they they.

[00:03:48](#)Xochitl

Won't back you up.

[00:03:51](#)Jack

Ohh well said, I agree with everything you just said.

[00:03:56](#)Jack

I think one thing you that you'll under, you'll learn.

[00:03:59](#)Jack

Everybody learns this at some point that you're gonna have to, no matter how how much you try to avoid this situation, there's going to come a time where you're gonna have to do the right thing and it's going to be a little bit.

[00:04:15](#)Jack

Dangerous for you?

[00:04:16](#)Jack

Or you can do the wrong thing and it's going to be easier for you, but you're going to have that.

[00:04:21](#) Jack

You're going to face that situation and I think what gives people character and makes you trustworthy is when you do the right thing, even though it's there's a dangerous element there, so.

[00:04:34](#) Xochitl

Try to lose some risk to you.

[00:04:36](#) Jack

Some risk? Yep.

[00:04:39](#) Jack

And she wasn't willing to take any risk at all.

[00:04:42](#) Jack

And that means she another here's a good expression she kind of.

[00:04:46](#) Jack

Threw you under.

[00:04:47](#) Jack

The bus, so to speak, we say in English.

[00:04:50](#) Jack

And uh and and I wouldn't trust her either. But don't become cynical and and not trust everybody. Just remember, that's one person that did one thing to you like social said. And. And I would say you are 100% not the jerk in the situation.

[00:05:09](#) Xochitl

And also I think the last very important thing to remember is don't blame yourself for it because you said.

[00:05:15](#) Xochitl

That she was like a sister to you.

[00:05:17](#) Xochitl

And I feel like you were kind of blindsided, as we would say, which means you didn't see this coming.

[00:05:22](#) Xochitl

But you can't be yourself because you don't know until you know a lot of times people seem like they're trustworthy and seem like there's someone we can depend on.

[00:05:31](#) Xochitl

But whenever it comes down to it, they're like on us and there's no way that you can predict that until you are put in that situation.

[00:05:39](#) Xochitl

And so don't you know.

[00:05:42](#)Xochitl

Thankfully you know now and you can move on and have better friends.

[00:05:46](#)Jack

Yeah, yeah, I.

[00:05:47](#)Jack

Mean it's it's not your fault because.

[00:05:49](#)Jack

She it's hard to.

[00:05:51](#)Jack

Be close with her again.

[00:05:52](#)Jack

Even though you you tried to still be friends there, there's a trust problem there.

[00:05:57](#)Jack

And the fact that she said Ohh you can handle it cause you're strong and I can't.

[00:06:02](#)Xochitl

It was horrible.

[00:06:04](#)Jack

That's a terrible, terrible excuse.

[00:06:06](#)Jack

That's just nonsense.

[00:06:08](#)Jack

That's garbage.

[00:06:09](#)Jack

You know.

[00:06:10](#)Xochitl

Yeah, it's like manipulative, I think.

[00:06:13](#)Xochitl

It just it makes her feel better about what she did by saying like, oh, you're strong and and I'm weak.

[00:06:19](#)Xochitl

And that's why I made the choice.

[00:06:20](#)Xochitl

But it's like, no, she's selfish.

[00:06:22](#)Xochitl

That's why she made the choice that she made and she didn't care about anyone but herself.

[00:06:29](#)Jack

OK.

[00:06:30](#)Jack

So I guess it's a, it's a resounding.

[00:06:33](#) Jack

You are not the jerk Shima.

[00:06:35](#) Jack

And uh, so don't feel bad and we would love to hear opinions from our listeners out there. So you can go to our website A-Z, englishpodcast.com and you can make a comment.

[00:06:48](#) Jack

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You can also.

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[00:07:11](#) Jack

All right.

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Thanks, everybody.

[00:07:12](#) Jack

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We'll see you next.

[00:07:13](#) Jack

Time. Bye bye.

[00:07:24](#) 발표자

Can you?

[00:07:24](#) 발표자

Dig it?