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## Connecting Listening and Reading: Should I Take My Shoes Off?

**Imagine the Situation:** Two people, a man and a woman are on a date. They are at the young man's apartment talking. He is looking for a video he told her about so he can show it to her. The young woman is sitting on his bed.

The young woman is worried. She thinks that may-be it is not ok to leave her shoes on while she's lounging on his bed. He tries to reassure her that it's ok for her to have her shoes on. But she continues. He finally tells her to take off her shoes if she's so worried about getting dirt and germs on his bed.

**Make a Prediction:** What do you think she says then? \_\_\_\_\_

**Watching and Listening:** <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t4vD1Ets2OA>

Watch the You Tube video clip. Have fun, relax and see how much you can understand. Don't worry if you get lost because people are talking so fast. Listen first and then read the script. Then watch it again, NOT looking at the script to see how much you understand. Watch a third time and follow along with the script.

### LANGUAGE PRACTICE

**Language Awareness:** Pay attention to the language the young woman uses to make sure it's ok to leave her shoes on while she's sitting on the bed. What does the young man say to reassure her?

**Confirm Your Prediction:** Listen to the last line by the young woman. What does she say? Do you think that's funny? Write down the last line of the dialogue you hear.

**Practice Reading the Dialogue:** Form a group of 3 people. One person will read the lines of the young woman, the other will read the lines of the young man. The third person is the director. (S)he points at the others to let them know it is their turn to speak.

Before you start, read the dialogue quietly by yourself and mark your lines.

**Watching and Listening on Your Own.** If you can get to a computer with internet access, you can watch the video on your own. Watch and listen first and then read the script. Then watch it again, NOT looking at the script to see how much you understand. Watch a third time and follow along with the script.

## Tales of Mere Existence

by Lev Yilmaz

### *"Do you want me to take my shoes off?"*

We got back to my place to watch a video and she sat down on the bed because I don't have a couch.

I started looking through my videos and she asked "did you find it?"

And I said "yeah, this is the episode I was telling you about, I'll throw it on."

And she said, "Do you want me to take my shoes off?"

And I said "what?"

And she said, "Do you want me to take my shoes off?"

You know if my feet are gonna be on the bed.

And I said "no, that's ok."

She said "are you sure?"

And I said, "Yeah that's ok."

And she said "I don't really think that they're dirty, but you never know."

And I said "what?"

And she said "my shoes, they don't look dirty, but you can never really tell what sort of germs might be on them."

And I said "they look fine to me."

She said "I know that they look fine, but I went walking downtown today. It can be really dirty in the city and you can never really tell what sort of germs you may have on your shoes."

And she said "are you sure you don't want me to take my shoes off?"

And I said, "Yes, I'm sure!"

And she said "I'm just asking because if we were at my house and we were sitting on my bed, I'd ask you to take your shoes off."

And so I said, "Ok, take your shoes off."

And she said " \_\_\_\_\_ "