

UNIT 23 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

Gabby: Welcome to The Dear Gabby Show. My first caller today is from Frank in Ohio. Frank, you are on the air.

Frank: Hi, Gabby, my brother-in-law owes my wife and me some money. He asked that we lend him \$12,000 last year as a business loan. At first, I suggested that he go to a bank for the money, but he said the bank had already turned him down. So had all his friends. He had to borrow the money from someone. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been able to start his own business. So, my wife insisted on helping him out and loaning him the money, and I agreed. It's been a year now, and I've requested that he start paying us back, but he just tells me to lighten up and trust him. It's a difficult situation and I'm feeling more and more like a doormat. I wonder what you would recommend I do.

Gabby: Well listen, Frank, the first thing I suggest doing is talking to your brother-in-law. Show him that you want to work with him towards a solution. Tell him you are proposing that the money be paid back little by little. In fact, if I were you, I'd make up a plan for him to start paying you back, even if it's just twenty dollars per week. With such a plan, you'll start getting your money back immediately. When you talk to him, I'd recommend that you not demand anything from him. Otherwise, he might not listen to you at all. Good luck.

Frank: Thanks, Gabby.

Gabby: That's what we're here for, Frank. It looks like we have another caller. Betsy from St. Louis, welcome to The Dear Gabby Show.

Betsy: Hi, Gabby... huge fan of the show. My youngest child has just graduated university and moved back to St Louis. He hasn't been able to find a job yet, and so he's moved in with us. While I love him to death and I want to help him out, it's a little odd having him around—and he's been here for almost three months now. He sleeps late and stays out at night—it's a much different schedule than I'm used to. Honestly, I don't really want him living with us for too long, but were I to kick him out, I'd feel terrible and I'd probably end up paying for his apartment anyway. Money is tight, so I'm not sure what to do.

- Gabby:** Thanks, Betsy. I can tell you that adult children moving back in with their parents has certainly become more of an issue in recent years, with the weak job market and all, and I must say it's quite the predicament. As for your case, you mentioned that you would feel obligated to pay for his apartment were he to move out. What other things do you do for him now that he's at home?
- Betsy:** I do his laundry sometimes. Come to think of it, I do it more often now than when he first moved in. He often eats the food that I make, and doesn't do much of the dishes. But I like to do those things myself or with my husband. Otherwise, my son might not clean the dishes thoroughly enough or something.
- Gabby:** It sounds like you are helping him out a little too much, Betsy. You're going to have to talk to him about how he plans to move out and live on his own. It's essential that he make finding a job his number one priority. But you'll have to tell him that. As for things like laundry, demand that he do his own laundry whether or not you want to do it for him. It's important that he do more things for himself and become less reliant on you. Help him by *not* helping him. Does that make sense?
- Betsy:** I see what you mean. Thanks for all the...