

PELICAN RADIO COLLECTIVE

EPISODE 2: 'Distractions'

FACEBOOK It's Leah's birthday! Let them know you're thinking of them!

WHATSAPP Mo to 'Groupchat': Is anyone awake???? Look at this video it's mad

YOUTUBE (STORYTIME) FINDING OUT THE TRUTH !?!?!? (EMOTIONAL!)

FACEBOOK Let Daniel know if you can make it to 'DANIEL'S 12TH BIRTHDAY PARTY'

SNAPCHAT Video from ... Team Snapchat.

iMESSAGE Jasmine: Did you write down the pages for the history homework?
AHHHHH help!!!!!!

INSTA @its_grace has posted for the first time in a while!

There is a light knock on your door. You lock your phone.

MUM Darling? It's quarter past eight.

Your phone explodes with more notifications.

WHATSAPP Zak to 'Groupchat': Mate why were you awake at 2am

WHATSAPP Scarlett to 'Groupchat': OMG already on the bus and realised I forgot my PE kit Preston is gonna kill me!!!!

YOUTUBE (STORYTIME) FINDING OUT THE TRUTH: PART TWO !?!?!?

There is another knock on your door. This one's harsher and louder.

MUM (Loud) It's almost twenty past!

iMESSAGE Jasmine to 'Groupchat': DW, found the page numbers LOL

Mum knocks again. This one is even louder!

MUM IT'S HALF PAST. You're going to be late for school - come downstairs!

You sigh, get out of bed, get dressed, and come downstairs.

AMBER That's just rubbish, Andy!

ANDY It's not, it's true! You share 50% of your DNA with a banana.

AMBER That's IMPOSSIBLE!

MUM Will you two just -

AMBER Humans are nothing like bananas. Who told you that?

ANDY Uh ... my friend.

AMBER As if! You don't have any friends.

ANDY MUM!

AMBER What!?

MUM Amber, don't speak to your brother like that, what have I said?

Rita notices you stood at the bottom of the stairs.

MUM Oh! Hello, Sleeping Beauty. Nice of you to join us. Sit down, have some cereal.

You pull out a chair. She places a bowl of cereal in front of you.

AMBER I'm googling it!

MUM No, you're not. No checking phones at the table.

AMBER What? I just want Andy to see why he *literally* couldn't be more wrong if he *literally* tried.

ANDY Mum! Tell her!

You hear notification noises from your phone, but you can't read what they say.

MUM AMBER! I won't say it again, alright? Cut it out.

There is a pause at the table. Your phone makes more notification noises.

MUM And you! Will you turn that thing off!? I don't want to see you looking at it again whilst you're at the table. Eat your breakfast. It's the most important meal of the day. And, I don't know, you could try talking to your brother and sister for once?

AMBER Yeah, listen to Andy and his stupid made-up banana facts.

ANDY MUM!

MUM Amber.

Another notification noise!

MUM I thought I said turn that off.

You take a peek at your phone!

iMESSAGE Josh to 'Groupchat': OMG I'm on the 31 and Zara has just got on with -

AMBER MUM! They're looking at the phone!

MUM (*Stressed*) Right. That's it. Time to go to school, all of you. You're giving me a headache.

ANDY But I haven't finished my cereal and you literally just said that breakfast is the most important meal of the -

MUM Well, if you would have spent less time arguing about DNA with your sister, you would have had time to finish it ... Here, take a banana.

AMBER No thanks. Just in case.

Mum sighs and puts the banana back in the fruit bowl.

MUM Amber, Andy, go and get your bags and your high-vis ready.

AMBER *(To Andy)* Race you up the stairs.

Amber and Andy bound up the stairs in a heated race.

MUM *(To you, softly)* And you, come here. Look, I know you miss your friends and you want to talk to them all the time but you can't look at your phone all day every day. Especially not at the breakfast table. Or when it's going to make you late for school. And, speaking of school, I want that phone in your bag while you're walking, okay? It can be really dangerous to be distracted while you're crossing the road. And if you do need to use it, make sure you go somewhere safe. Away from the road and not while you're crossing. And you know how worried your brother gets around roads, you have to watch out for him. Okay, are you listening?

Amber and Andy return, out of breath.

ANDY She cheated!

AMBER Did not. Andy's just slow!

MUM *(Sighs)* Okay, okay. Don't be late. Bye.

She kisses each of them on the forehead.

MUM Have a good day at school! And be safe, okay? Look *all* around! No mucking about, Amber! And keep that high-vis on, Andrew! And put that phone in your -

AMBER Yeah, yeah, Mum. We know! Bye!

ANDY Bye, Mum. Love you -

The front door slams shut.

MUM *(Exhales)* I need a coffee.

We're outside of the house now. There are birds singing and cars driving past. Amber and Andy begin to walk towards your school. Amber takes the lead.

AMBER Come on, slowpokes. It's quarter to.

ANDY *(Worried)* What!? Oh no! Come on, I don't want to be late. We have spelling this morning and I can't miss it. I did so badly last week, I only got 9 out of 10 because I forgot where the 'l' goes in 'receive'.

Amber turns around and begins to walk backwards, so she can talk to you.

AMBER Well, if we're late, you can blame this one for spending all morning in bed on their phone ... and it's I before E except after C.

ANDY *I before E except after C, I before E except after* - Amber! Look where you're going! It's dangerous.

AMBER Calm down! You're just as bad as mum, you are. With your panicking. *(To you)* Hey! Are you ready?

Your phone makes a notification sound.

YOU SHOULD NOW BEGIN THE 'DISTRACTIONS' GAME.