

Kat and Zoe: A shock revelation in East London

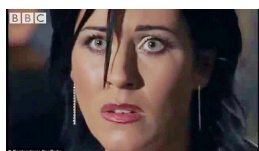
(scene from BBC's Eastenders)

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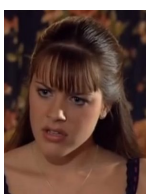
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Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qgUf9hITnnU>

Eastenders is the most successful TV soap opera in the UK. It tells the story of the lives of the residents of Walford, a working-class neighbourhood in East London. Some of the programme's most popular characters have been the Slater sisters: Kat, Zoe, Lynne and Mo. In this scene, we see an argument between Kat and Zoe.



Kat Slater



Zoe Slater

Task 1: Watch the video. Complete each gap below with between one and three words.

Zoe was originally planning on telling people her news tomorrow but then decides that she might _____ (1) do it now.

Zoe has decided to move to Spain after having a conversation with her _____ (2).

When she gets to Spain, Zoe is going to work in a _____ (3).

When Kat first protests about Zoe's news, Zoe says that the decision is _____ (4) their father.

When they first leave the pub, Kat denies that she is _____ (5) Zoe.

Zoe says that she feels _____ (6) that Kat caused a scene in front of everyone.

When Kat grabs Zoe by the arm, Zoe tells her that she doesn't _____ (7) her life.

The final revelation of the scene is that Kat is _____ (8) .

Task 2: Expressions a - g are very common, colloquial phrases. Before you watch the video again, read the script and choose the best expression for each gap. Then watch the video to see if you were correct.

a. It's news to me.

b. Do you wanna bet?

c. That's that!

d. Watch me!

e. I ain't having it!

f. You are joking?!

g. Shows what you know.

Script

ZOE: I've got one!

(others): Go on then Zo. Go on.

ZOE: I was going to tell everyone tomorrow but I might as well do it now.

(other): You're too young to have a secret!

ZOE: (1) _____ Doesn't it?

(other): Let's hear it then.

ZOE: I'm leaving.

(other): Oh, nice!

KAT: What?

ZOE: I'm leaving Walford, well, England.

(other): What's she talking about?

ZOE: Uncle Harry's asked me to work in his pub in Spain. And I said yes!

KAT: (2) _____

ZOE: No.

(others): Did you know about this Peggy?

PEGGY: (3) _____

(other): It'll be a great experience, love.

KAT: No it won't. Cos she ain't going.

(other): Leave it, Kat.

ZOE: It's up to Dad, not you.

(other): We'll talk about it later, eh?

KAT: You can talk all you like, but she ain't going.

ZOE: You don't rule my life.

KAT: Look, just shut up and sit down Zo

ZOE: No! You're always doing this to me, and (4) _____

(other): Stop it, the pair of you!

ZOE: What's it got to do with you anyway?!

KAT: It's got everything to do with me.

ZOE: Alright, I'll go and ask Dad now!

KAT: You ain't going anywhere!

ZOE: (5) _____

(others): Kat, leave it. Please Kat!

(other): Oh no, leave them Nan, leave them. (*Zoe and Kat leave the pub*)

KAT: Zoe, come here!

ZOE: No! I'm fed up of you picking on me all the time!
 KAT: I'm not picking on you.
 ZOE: Embarrassing me in front of everyone!
 KAT: Will you just listen to me, will you?
 ZOE: No! I'm going! And there ain't nothing you can do about it!
 KAT: (6) _____ We'll go and ask Dad together, shall we? See who he listens to!
 ZOE: Why don't you just leave me alone!
 KAT: Because you're not going.
 ZOE: Yes, I am! Get away from me!
 KAT: No.
 ZOE: You don't rule my life.
 KAT: You're not going to Spain and (7) _____
 ZOE: Why not?
 KAT: Because I said so, alright?
 ZOE: And I have to do everything you say, do I?
 KAT: No.
 ZOE: You can't tell me what to do, you ain't my mother!
 KAT: Yes I am!

Task 3: Now match the colloquial expression to its meaning.

Colloquial expression	Meaning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It's news to me. Do you wanna bet? That's that! Watch me! I ain't having it! You are joking?! Shows what you know! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You don't have the right information. I didn't know that. You told me not to do something but I'm going to do it anyway. I'm going to show you that you're wrong. That is the conclusion. I don't accept that. I don't believe you.

Answers

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The final revelation of the scene is that Kat is ZOE'S MOTHER **(8)** .

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