

CLB 5- Speaking - Getting Things Done - Family Problems

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Case 1:

I have a difficult problem. I am an only child, and my mother is too old to look after herself. She needs help to eat and help to use the toilet, so she needs someone to be with her all the time. The problem is that I can't quit my job because we need the money. My spouse works full-time but he doesn't make very much money, and I earn twice as much. If I quit work to look after my mother, we won't have enough income. My spouse doesn't want to quit working to stay home with my mother. She is living in another city, but she cannot continue to live alone. What do you advise?

Case 2:

Here's my problem. My family is always complaining about my cooking. I try to do my best, but nobody taught me how to cook when I was young, and now it's difficult for me to learn to cook when I am trying to learn English, work, look after kids and do so many other things. It's true that I sometimes burn the food, but usually it's ok, and my spouse and kids are always complaining, complaining, complaining about it. They never like what I have prepared for them. My kids are 7 and 9 years old, and my spouse is always very busy. It's getting depressing. We don't have enough money to go out to restaurants all the time. Do you have any ideas for me?

Case 3:

I have an unusual problem. My adult daughter has been a single woman for many years. She never showed much interest in men, and she never found one to start a family with. That's why I was so pleased when she told me she has met a man at work whom she really likes, and she is thinking of marrying him. Of course, I wanted to meet him, and so last week she brought him home. I was so shocked!!! My daughter is 38, and her boyfriend is only 23! He seems to love her ... but ... what should I do? Should I say anything?