



Cliffhanger

Think of a cliffhanger for “Flirt English“! Change the scene to make a surprising end that will make viewers tune in for the next episode.

■ What is a cliffhanger?

When an episode ends in a very dramatic moment, that’s called a cliffhanger. A secret is revealed or something really surprising happens. Then the episode ends and leaves the viewer wondering what could happen next. A clever way to raise your tention so you will definitely watch the next episode!

1. Choose a point in the episode before something exciting or surprising happens. For example: in the first episode just before the girls arrive.
2. Think about how this could be even more surprising. For example: How could the boys discover the girls? Maybe someone comes in through the back door. Nino thinks it’s a thief, so he cracks them over the head with a pan. The last image of the episode is the boys’ shocked faces. The viewer will only find out in the next episode whom Nino has just hit.
3. Write the script for your cliffhanger! Don’t make it too long – it needs to be only one short scene.

■ Here’s an example of what a script looks like: Episode 1, Scene 2 – Timecode 01.54 min.

Nino and Hannes are at the door of Lily’s house.

Nino: Die Vermieterin hat uns einfach die Hausschlüssel dagelassen! Ohne, dass sie uns kennt.

He takes out a note from the envelope and reads.

Dear Elizabeth and Holly, welcome to Brighton. Sorry I’m not there. I got your deposit. Just ask Phil for anything you need. I’ll call you in the kitchen. Cheers. Lily.

Nino and Hannes are totally mystified. They open the front door of number 2.

Hannes: Holly und Elizabeth!?! Die scheint ja echt ganz schön verwirrt zu sein, diese Loopy Lily.





Evaluation Sheet

Evaluate the cliffhanger of your partner and give a feedback. What was good? What could be improved?

1. Read the cliffhanger of your partner and comment on it in the right column of her/his text. You can use these symbols:

- For parts you like: ++
- For parts you'd like to know more about: !
- For parts you find unclear: ?
- For parts that are unnecessary: ()
- For problems in English: ~~~~~
- You can also write suggestions

2. Evaluate the cliffhanger of your partner.
3. Talk about the synopsis: I really like the part which you write about... , I'd like to know more about..., what do you mean by..., I'd suggest that you...
4. Look at the comments on your own text and decide which changes you want to make. Write a second draft.



Comment

Her/ his cliffhanger surprises me/ makes me curious.		
Her/ his cliffhanger contains an interesting point of the episode.		
Because of his/ her cliffhanger I want to watch the next episode.		
The script of his/ her cliffhanger is short.		