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## **Episode #088**

Decorating your home

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Hi everyone! I am Georgiana, founder of [speakenglishpodcast.com](http://speakenglishpodcast.com). My mission is to help you speak English fluently.

You're probably wondering why it took me so long to publish a new episode. Well, I have a good excuse. Do you know what happened to me? I've been **redecorating** some rooms in my house.

I've been planning this for over a year, and I must confess that I've been too optimistic. I really thought that changing the decor of the house would be as easy as buying new **furniture**, a new couch and **painting** the **walls**. However, as you can imagine, things were not that simple.

I must confess that I love **decorating**, but this time I had too many options, I just couldn't make up my mind, and I was postponing because I had too many ideas.

One of the quickest ways to refresh a room's appearance is to **paint the walls**. In theory, you should choose a color that complements your personality and fits your space.

Although first, I had to find out the **color** of the **furniture** to match the color of the **walls**. In general, I want the room to look clean but also modern and a little sophisticated.

I also had to keep in mind that if I buy too much furniture, it will look too crowded, but if I didn't buy enough furniture, it would look empty and poor. So I had to find a balance.

**Size** is also important because you could buy furniture that is too big or too small. Small furniture in a large room can look ridiculous though it's not a good idea to add big furniture in a room either. You can imagine how terrible it would look. And, of course, you have to **stick to one style**, as there are several options.

**Colors** are challenging to combine sometimes. As much as we like a color, we have to take into account

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how it will look with the rest of the furniture and textiles.

For example, the color of the furniture can affect the color of the walls. So it's vital to know how to combine colors.

And once you've chosen the furniture, you have to start buying the **accessories**. **Lamps, pictures, plants, curtains** are also crucial for the ambiance.

So after months of planning what type of furniture, the best wall color, or what decorative elements would fit best, I threw in the towel and hired an **interior designer**.

And to my surprise, it was the best decision ever. Because the whole process got a lot easier and much faster. In only three weeks, my dining room was redecorated from scratch.

And what's the conclusion here? That sometimes is better to ask for help. Although I love **decoration**, I'm happy I hired an interior designer to guide me through the process.

Well, I hope you enjoyed my anecdote. If you like this topic, please leave a few comments because I would love to dedicate a few more episodes to decoration. But for now, let's continue with a mini-story.

## Mini-Story

**(Practice your Speaking)**

All right! Now let's practice with a short question-and-answer exercise. Sometimes I call it a conversation simulator because you practice your English like in a real conversation.

Here's how it works: I give you information and ask simple questions. After each question, there is a pause where you can answer. After the pause, I give you a correct answer for you to compare.

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Today we will talk about Georgiana, who decides to redecorate her dining room.

Let's get started!

Georgiana thought it would be a great idea to change the dining room furniture.

**Did Georgiana think it would be a terrible idea to change the dining room furniture?**

No. Georgiana didn't think it would be a terrible idea. She thought it would be a great idea.

**What did Georgiana think would be a great idea?**

To change the furniture. She thought it would be a great idea to change the dining room furniture.

**Did she want to change the bedroom furniture?**

No. No. She didn't want to change the bedroom furniture. She wanted to change the dining room furniture.

Since Georgiana couldn't decide, she hired a qualified professional.

**Was Georgiana an expert in decoration?**

No. Georgiana was not an expert in decoration. She couldn't make up her mind.

**Who did Georgiana hire?**

A professional decorator. She hired a professional to help her decorate.

**Georgiana decorated her dining room all by herself. Right?**

No. No. She did not decorate her dining room by herself. Instead, she hired a professional decorator.

**Did she hire a lawyer?**

No. No. She didn't hire a lawyer. She needed to redecorate her dining room, so she hired an interior designer.

So Georgiana needed to paint the walls in a week.

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**Did Georgiana need to paint the floor?**

No. Not the floor. Georgiana needed to paint the walls.

**What did Georgiana need?**

She needed to paint the walls.

Since she did not know how to paint the walls, Georgiana had to find an excellent painter.

**Was Georgiana an excellent painter?**

No. No. She wasn't an excellent painter. In fact, she didn't know how to paint a room.

**What did Georgiana need? Did she need to think about the color of the walls?**

No, she didn't need to think about the color of the walls. Georgiana had to find a painter.

**Did she look for a lousy painter?**

No. No. She didn't look for a lousy painter. She looked for an excellent painter.

Luckily one hour before the delivery of the furniture, everything was ready.

**When was everything ready? Two hours before the delivery?**

No. Not two hours before the delivery. Everything was ready only one hour before the delivery of the furniture.

**One hour before what?**

One hour before the delivery. Everything was ready only one hour before the delivery of the furniture.

Georgiana was finally relaxed because everything was ready for the delivery of the furniture.

**Was everything ready for the delivery of the furniture?**

Yes, everything was ready for the delivery of the furniture.

### **Was Georgiana stressed out?**

No. No. Georgiana wasn't stressed out. She was relaxed.

### **Why was Georgiana relaxed?**

Because everything was ready for the delivery of the furniture.

Awesome! Finally, Georgiana can relax and focus again on her mission, which is to help you to speak English fluently without grammar and without textbooks.

Perfect! It's the end of this mini-story. As you can see, through questions and answers you can practice and improve your speech.

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Well, I think that's enough for today. Try to listen to this content several times and leave a comment on Facebook, Youtube, iTunes, etc. to help me spread the word about this podcast.

I'll see you next week!

Take care! Bye! Bye!



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