

## Episode 16

Reading: 短文聽讀

Cooper and May plan to throw a Christmas party at their house. Their parents, who will be **abroad** (海外), have already given permission. May and Cooper discuss plans for the party with Nana and Dean. Everyone asks questions, makes suggestions, and takes responsibility for different aspects of the party. In general, the friends avoid conflict and disagreement. However, Cooper sets limits on the plans; as May's older brother, he plays the role of an **authority figure** (權威人士). He doesn't want this to be a wild party, and he tells Dean not to focus too much on fashion. By suggesting simply "elegance and grace" as the party's theme, rather than "young women (or gentlemen) of elegance and grace," Cooper **pursues** (追求) a spirit of elegance and grace that goes beyond the clothes people will wear.

