

## Episode 17

Reading: 短文聽讀

May and Cooper are in the final stages of planning the Christmas party. In the last episode, Cooper was quite involved in setting the theme and guidelines for the party. Now May is handling most of the organization and details, while Cooper acts as an **overseer** (工頭), giving his approval. The relationships in the Lee family influence May and Cooper's interaction. Cooper is the older brother and therefore exercises more authority, especially when their parents are away. May shares her mother's interest in **gourmet** (美食) **cuisine** (料理), and is therefore more experienced in managing food than Cooper is. Indeed, Cooper tells May that this is her chance to take over her mother's role. May also shows her thoughtfulness as a hostess by suggesting that the overseas students Nana and Dean talk to their families by Skype.

