TITLE: HOW TO COMMUNICATE: DISAGREEMENT WITH A FAMILY DECISION, WHAT IF #1

**Scene 1:** REYNALDO and his friend ALEX are studying together. REYNALDO’s laptop signals a new email has been sent to him.

00:01 **REYNALDO**: (uneasy) Oh boy.

00:03 **ALEX**: What?

00:05 **REYNALDO**: My mom just sent an email. She's all excited about this idea she has that our whole family should take off for two weeks and drive to see my grandparents. She's got my sister on board and she says . . . (continues to read message) . . . Oh great! She's already got my grandparents figuring out dates. I'm supposed to let her know if early July is good. This is not happening!

00:28 **ALEX**: What are you going to do?

00:30 **REYNALDO**: Already on it. (typing and saying aloud) "Dear Mom…. I’d like to talk with you about our plans for next summer. When would be a good time for me to call? Or, can we talk at home this weekend? I’ll be there on Saturday morning. Love, Rey."

00:51 **ALEX**: There's no way I could spend two weeks in a car with my family! What are you going to tell her?

00:57 **REYNALDO**: Well, I just lined up a summer job and . . . (Reynaldo's laptop signals again.) Uh oh. New message. She says "I’m trying to get this settled today and I'm at work. Send me a quick email if the first two weeks of July work. Everyone else says it's good." (In dismay, to Alex): Okay, this is trouble. A "quick email" isn't going to work.

01:21 **ALEX**: (shaking her head) Nope. Not likely. Good luck with that.