TITLE: HOW TO COMMUNICATE COLLABORATIVELY DURING A CONFLICT

00:00 [POST enters the kitchen to find TIM pulling a mug out of a sink full of dirty dishes.]

00:01 **TIM**: Oh, hey. I just made some coffee. Want some?

00:04 **POST**: (annoyed) Seriously? You're going to drink from that?

00:08 **TIM**: (smells the mug and shrugs) Yeah, well….

00:10 **POST**: Tim, the sink is full of dirty dishes again and I've got friends coming over in an hour. I'm really frustrated by how messy things are.

00:16 **TIM**: I didn't know you had anybody coming over.

00:19 **POST**: Look, it's not just that, okay? I feel like our apartment is always disorganized and it’s really bothering me. Look, we need to work on keeping this place looking more presentable. If we divide up the housework, we could easily keep it clean. Then we could have people over whenever we wanted, without having to worry about the mess.

00:38 **TIM**: (looks around) Yeah, I guess this place could be in better shape, couldn’t it?

00:42 **POST**: Look, for now, why don’t we both work on the kitchen, but in the future we’ll figure out a way to divide the chores. I could do the kitchen and the vacuuming if you take care of the bathroom? Or you could do the kitchen – whatever you want.

00:54 **TIM**: Yeah, I like to cook, so maybe we could add grocery shopping and cooking into the mix.

01:00 **POST**: Sure, yeah. Also, we could alternate weeks on the shopping to spread out the cost. If that works?

01:07 **TIM**: Yeah! No, that works.