TITLE: HOW TO COMMUNICATE: ENDING A RELATIONSHIP

00:00 [ALEX walks into the living room where MIRIRAI is looking over a paper.]

00:01 **ALEX**: Bad news?

00:03 **MIRIRAI**: (pauses, then answers with resolve). It's the contract for renewing our lease on the apartment and I wanted to…

00:06 **ALEX**: (interrupts and reaches for the paper) Oh! Yeah! It's that time I guess. Do you want me to sign somewhere?

00:09 **MIRIRAI**: Alex. I need to talk with you. It’s important and it's going to take a while. Do you have to be anywhere? Is now a good time to chat?

00:15 **ALEX**: (breezily.) Yeah. Now's good. What's up? (sits down)

00:18 **MIRIRAI**: I just want to talk about what to do about the apartment.

00:21 **ALEX**: (sensing this is serious, stops to talk) Okay. What about it?

00:25 **MIRIRAI**: Alex, I'm going to look for another place to live. I mean, on my own. I just don’t feel that there’s a solid connection between us anymore. Not like there was when we first moved in here together. I feel like we’re going in different directions, and we each should just move on with our lives. Are you feeling the same things?

00:47 **ALEX**: (looks surprised and upset) I don’t know. This isn’t what I expected.

00:52 **MIRIRAI**: I'm sorry. I totally understand that this is hurtful and you might be angry… (MIRIRAI notices ALEX looks more hurt than angry.) …and sad. But I just want us both to be happy and it seems to me that neither of us is happy anymore. Maybe you've been feeling the same way and haven't wanted to face it. Am I right?

01:16 **ALEX**: I guess. Yeah. It's just hard, you know? I can't figure it out. I don't understand what happened.

01:28 **MIRIRAI**: It's hard for me too, but I'm glad we're talking it over and I think my moving out is going to make things easier for both of us. Maybe we should start by figuring out if you want to find a new roommate or not.