

Total Agony

You are going to watch a scene from the film Love Actually (2003).

Context of the scene: Daniel is Samuel's step-father and Sam's mother has just died. The man notices there's something wrong with the kid and he decides to talk to him to see if he can help him.

After watching the scene for the first time, answer the following questions:

- 1) What does Daniel think the problem might be?
- 2) What is Sam's problem?
- 3) Why does Daniel not take Sam seriously?
- 4) What do they agree about?

Dialogue:

Speakers: Samuel: /sæmjʊəl/ Daniel: /dæniəl/

Sam: / p əʊkeɪ / L wɛl / p ðə truː θ ɪz / r+ æktʃʊəli / p aɪm ɪn lʌv/

Daniel: / r+ spri /

S: / p aɪ nəʊ aɪ ʃʊd bi ^l θ ɪŋkɪŋ əbaʊt mʌm ɔːl ðə taɪm / p ənd aɪ æm / p bət ðə truː θ ɪz aɪm ɪn lʌv / p ənd aɪ wɔz bɪfɔː ʃɪ daɪd / p ənd ðəz nʌ θ ɪŋ aɪ kən duː əbaʊt ɪt /

D: / r+ aɪnt ju ə bɪt jʌŋ tə bi ɪn lʌv /

S: / r nəʊ /

D: / r+ wɛl / r aɪm ə lɪtl rɪlɪːvd /

S: / p waɪ /

D: / r+ bɪkɔz aɪ / p θ ɔːt ɪt wʊd bi ^lsʌm θ ɪŋ wɜːs /

S: / r+ wɜːs / r+ ðən ðə təʊtl ægəni / p əv biːɪŋ ɪn lʌv /

D: / p nəʊ / p ʃɔː raɪt / p təʊtl ægəni /