



The comedy is about two brilliant physicists and roommates, Leonard Hofstadter and Sheldon Cooper. They are also friends with their Caltech colleagues mechanical engineer Howard Wolowitz and astrophysicist Rajesh Koothrappali. As they are self-professed nerds, all have little or no luck with popular women. When Penny, a pretty woman and an aspiring actress originally from Omaha, moves into the apartment across the hall from Leonard and Sheldon's, Leonard has another aspiration in life, namely to get Penny to be his girlfriend.

Sheldon and Leonard met their new neighbor, Penny for the first time.

**Leonard:** Should we have invited her for lunch?

**Sheldon:** No. We're going to start Season Two of Battlestar Galactica.

**Leonard:** We already watched the Season Two DVDs.

**Sheldon:** Not with **commentary**.

**Leonard:** I think we should be good neighbors, invite her over, make her feel welcome.

**Sheldon:** We never invited Louis-slash-Louise over.

**Leonard:** Well, then that was wrong of us. We need to widen our **circle**.

**Sheldon:** I have a very wide circle. I have 212 friends on Myspace.

**Leonard:** Yes, and you've never met one of them.

**Sheldon:** That's the beauty of it.

**Leonard:** I'm going to invite her over. We'll have a nice meal and chat.

**Sheldon:** Chat? We don't chat. At least not offline.

**Leonard:** Well it's not difficult, you just listen to what she says and then you say something appropriate in response.

**Sheldon:** **To what end?**

**Leonard:** Hi. Again.

**Penny:** Hi.

**Sheldon:** Hi.

**Leonard:** Hi.

**Penny:** Hi.

**Leonard:** Anyway, um. We brought home Indian food. And, um. I know that moving can be stressful, and I find that when I'm undergoing stress, that good food and company can have a comforting effect. Also, curry is a

natural laxative, and I don't have to tell you that, uh, a clean **colon** is just one less thing to worry about.

**Sheldon:** Leonard, I'm not expert here but I believe in the context of a **luncheon** invitation, you might want to skip the reference to bowel movements.

**Penny:** Oh, you're inviting me over to eat?

**Leonard:** Uh, yes.

**Penny:** Oh, that's so nice, I'd love to.

**Leonard:** Great.



1. commentary /'kəm·ən,ter-i/ *noun*

- a series of remarks describing an event, especially on radio or television, or a set of written notes explaining or expressing an opinion on a text or subject

*Sample sentence:*

*The television **commentary** on the Olympic Games was quite boring.*

2. circle /'sɜːkəl/ *noun*

- a group of people who are connected by family, work, or society, or who share an interest

*Sample sentence:*

*I have a wide **circle** of friends at school.*

3. to what end – adverb

- for what purpose

*Sample sentence:*

*She put so much effort into it, but **to what end**?*

4. colon /'kɒl·ən/ *noun*

- the lower and larger part of the bowels through which food travels while it is being digested

*Sample sentence:*

*Everyone should be cautious of what they eat to keep their **colons** healthy.*

5. luncheon /'lʌn·tʃən/ *noun*

- lunch, especially formal lunch held in connection with a meeting or other special occasion

*Sample sentence:*

*All department heads must attend the monthly **luncheon** with the president of the company.*



## Discussion Questions

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1. What makes a good neighbor?
2. Would you invite a new neighbor over for lunch?
3. What do you think of your neighbors?
4. What kind of person would be a perfect neighbor? Name at least 3 characteristics.
5. Do you have a wide circle?

