

## Real English 49 - Sophia and Etta James

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Interviewer: Hi! What's your name?

Sophia: My name is Sophia Lee Matlock.

Interviewer: What do you usually do on Saturday night?

Sophia: It's a very good question. I think that because I'm such a spontaneous person, and I kinda go with the flow in life, I kinda leave it up... up in the air what, what's to happen, you know? You never know what's gonna (going to) happen in this lifetime, so... I'll try to keep it open as much as possible, but anything involving music, and enjoying life, and being around people, that's, that's what I tend to do.

Interviewer: How about last Saturday night? What'd you do?

Sophia: Last Saturday. Let's see. I went out with some girlfriends. We went out uh... and I actually, did another interview. It's kind of interesting. Maybe this is my calling, I'm not really sure, but I was out entertaining, and... I'm a singer-songwriter.

Interviewer: Uh!

Sophia: So... Aspiring to be so. So, let's-let's see what happens.

Interviewer: Maybe we can get her to belt out a couple of lines?

Mike Marzio: Ask her if she does her own music.

Sophia: I have all of it, all of my music!

Interviewer: She does her own music.

Cameraman: Won't she sing us a song?

Interviewer: Oh, no, we couldn't ask her to do that!

Sophia: I would love to, actually.

Interviewer: *(laughs)* Cool.

Sophia: Okay, I'm going to sing... Etta James, okay? We all know her. I'm gonna, I'm gonna do "Damn Your Eyes." Okay?

Interviewer: An old favorite.

Sophia: Oh, I love this song.

Interviewer: Yeah, I know, it's great.

Sophia: It's one of my favorites. Okay.

*I can do what I want,*

*I'm in complete control,*

*That's what I tell myself.*

*I got a mind of my own,*

*I'll be all right alone,*

*Don't need anybody else.*

*I gave myself a good talkin' to,*

*No more bein' a fool for you,*

*But I see you and all I remember,*

*And how you made wanna surrender.*

*Damn your eyes!*

*Mm-mm-mmm.*

*For taking my breath away.*

*For makin' me wanna stay*

*Damn your eyes!*

*For getting' my hopes up high,*

*For makin' me fall in love again,*

*Damn your eyes!*

Interviewer: That's very good. Okay. All right! Okay! Well, that was a surprise.

Sophia: All right, next question.

Interviewer: All right, next question. Let's cut to the chase.

Sophia: Right! Come on!

Interviewer: All right. What's the best decision do you think you've ever made?

Sophia: The best decision I've ever made was believing in myself. Um... I've been a professional hairdresser for 7 years. I absolutely love the art of singing. And I picked up and moved from New Jersey by myself believing that I know that this is my destiny and I meant to do this with my life. So, trusting in God and believing in myself that all things happen for a reason, and I know that I'm here for a very good reason.

Interviewer: Where are you from in Jersey?

Sophia: A small town called Stewartville. It's Northwest New Jersey. It borders Eastern Pennsylvania.

Interviewer: Ah-ha. Do you know where that is?

Mike Marzio: No.

Interviewer: Okay.

Mike Marzio: I'm from Ringwood Lake.

Interviewer: Ringwood Lake.

Sophia: Hi!

Interviewer: He's from Ringwood. I'm from Westwood.

Sophia: Jersey people!

Interviewer: Westwood, New Jersey. Ringwood, New Jersey.

Sophia: Great-great!

Interviewer: All right. Okay. So, we're all from Jersey here.

Sophia: Jersey people.

Interviewer: Jersey people. All right. What-what's the biggest mistake you think you've ever made?

Sophia: Sss, ah, man, that's a good question. I don't believe that there are true mistakes. I think everything in life is a learning lesson. And, you know, of course, you fall from time to time but there's this always beautiful thing about grace: you move forward, and keep your faith, and keep moving forward, and you're learn and grow as a person. And you just gotta (have got to)... The key is sticking positive. Staying positive and believing.

Interviewer: If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

Sophia: (*Sighs*) Let's see. I don't know. I'm pretty confident, and happy with who I am. It's, it's hard to...

Interviewer: Yeah, I wouldn't, I don't see anything wrong.

Sophia: No you didn't.