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Interacting with Your Girlfriend's Sisters

Shona transcript:

Man: Chayakanakira mhuri yavo manje vasikana voga voga. Yaa, zvekuti

Interviewer: Ko sei wadaro?

Man: Aewa ka hakuna ka mukomana anozoti eeh mupfanha wakunetsa nehanzvadzi dzedu plus choice, hee, choice yacho.

Woman: Hoo saka ndosaka ndosaka zvaunoda

Man: But ndakachuza iwewe

Woman: aah

Man: Ndakachuza iwewe,

Woman: Ho no its ok

Man: Habhebhi kani, bhebhi kani.

Woman: NaMunya ane brother wake.

Man: Chete.....hee munotaura pachii

Woman: Ah ah hatigone kutaura?

Man: Chete kuti chete kuti vakoma vake, ok, mirai ndikuudzei. Kuna amai nababa vake, koita vamwe vasikana five kozouya iye wechisikisi. Haa vamwe vese vakaroorwa saka ndikavataura nemazita ii zvinozobvira kunetsa. Vana vacho handivazive saka handizogone kuti mai ngingi, zvinonetsa. But vandinonyanya kutaura navo vatatu. Kunoti vanonzi Mai Chirwa, anonzi Tari Chirwa then kobva kwaita anonzi Ratidzo Mbanje, then anonzi Tidzo.

English translation:

Man: The good thing about their family is that they are all girls. Yes, so...

Interviewer: Why do you say so?

Man: There are no boys who may chase me away from their sister and also choice. The choice...

Woman: Oh, so that is what you like?

Man: But I chose you.

Woman: Oh, no it's okay.

Man: Babe, babe

Woman: And Munya has a brother.

Man: Only....you talk on what grounds?

Woman: Aren't we allowed to speak to each other?

Man: It's only that...only... Okay. Wait, let me tell you. There is her mother and father, five other girls then her, the sixth. The rest are married so I can't use their names to refer to them. I don't know the children's names so I cannot refer to them as mother of so and so¹, so it is difficult. But I usually talk to the three of them. There is one named Mrs. Chirwa, whose name is Tari Chirwa, another named Rtaidzo Mbanje, and the other one named Tidzo.

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¹ It is a customary way of referring to married people in Zimbabwe using their children's names. For example, a woman whose child is Alice is often referred to as "Amai Alice," meaning mother of Alice.