

## Grammar Lesson

## Lesson 34: He's a little unenthusiastic

## レッスン 34: 彼にはあまり熱意がない

Target: Using the negative prefix "un"

目的: 否定を表す接頭辞、“un”を使ってみましょう!

Reading  
単語

## New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• telecommunications	電気通信	• (to) rely on...	~を信頼する
• (to) headhunt...	引き抜く	• (to) keep one's word	約束を守る
• a rival	競争相手	• (to) make a promise	約束をする
• a candidate	候補者	• (to) reveal...	暴露する
• an applicant	応募者	• (be) sensitive	慎重に扱うべき
• a shocker	ショッキングな人	• authority	権力
• Take... for instance	例として~を挙げる	• in regards to	~について
• (to) come off	印象を与える	• mentally	精神的に
• a reference	推薦状	• (be) suitable	適切な

## 1

Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

I work at a large telecommunications company in the HR department. Last week one of the managers at my company was headhunted by a rival company. So, I've had to spend the last few days interviewing possible replacements, but so far I haven't found the perfect candidate yet. There have been quite a few good applicants, but there have also been quite a few shockers.

Take Mark, the first applicant I interviewed, for instance. He came off really professional during the interview. But, when I called his previous employer to check his references, I found out that Mark was actually a pretty bad employee. The boss there was happy to get rid of him.

He told me that Mark was really unreliable. You literally couldn't rely on this guy for anything. He also mentioned that Mark was untrustworthy. Although he always made promises, he never kept his word, ever! Once he even revealed sensitive information to a rival company after he had promised in front of everyone that he would guard the information with his life.

When he was given a position of authority as a team leader, he was unwilling to do any extra work. He was unsupportive of his team members, and he was unhelpful in regards to solving problems. Everyone agreed that he was a very uninspiring leader.

Here are some other things I was told. His desk and workspace was always untidy. His sense of humor was quite unusual. He frequently wastes his time doing unnecessary things, and he even might be a little unstable mentally.

His ex-boss also stated that he was extremely unresourceful, unmotivated and unproductive. And these are definitely three traits that you do not look for in a manager.

So, I think it's very unlikely that I'll be hiring Mark. It seems like a very unwise decision to even give him a second interview. It's really unbelievable that he thought he'd be able to hide such a terrible past from me. I'm really lucky I called and checked his references. It would have been unbearable working with him every day if he really is as bad as his ex-boss made him out to be.

I think it's going to take a really long time to find a suitable replacement.

## 2

Answer the questions below

1. Was Mark reliable?
2. Was Mark supportive of his team members?
3. What was Mark unhelpful in regards to?
4. What was Mark unwilling to do?
5. What did Mark waste his time doing?
6. Is it likely that Mark will get a second interview?
7. What would have been unbearable?
8. How many examples of the negative prefix "un" can you find?

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