

Lesson 77

I'm stuck in a dead-end job.

Target: Having a conversation about work problems.

Vocabulary

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Work Problems



Related vocabulary

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| - the rat race | - to be overwhelmed | - a dead-end job |
| - to be hopeless | - to criticize... / criticism | - to be stuck ~ing |
| - to micromanage | - to let... slide | - to resent... |
| - to resolve a problem | - EEO | - corporate culture |
| - to speak up | - to discriminate | - to move up |
| - to harass ... | - to bully / tease ... | - to be miserable |
| - sexual harassment | - to acknowledge ... | - a tyrant |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

- Are you stressed out at work? Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed? Why?
- Have you ever been discriminated against? Or do you know anyone who has? What happened?
- What was a hopeless situation you faced at work recently?
- Do you think micromanaging is a good idea? Why? Why Not? Does your boss micromanage?
- Do you normally speak up when there is a problem at work? Or do you just let it slide?
- What is the most common reason why people don't move up at work?
- Do you take criticism well? What do you think is the best way to give constructive criticism?
- Has anyone ever made your life hell? What happened? What did you do about it?
- What are some different ways people are discriminated against?
- Has a situation ever seemed hopeless to you? What was it?

Partner #2: Questions

- What are some different problems you have faced at work? How did you solve them?
- Who do you resent at work? Why?
- What do you think is the best way to resolve a difficult problem at work?
- What do you think of the phrase "escape the rat race?"
- Does your boss acknowledge your achievements? How do you feel when you're not acknowledged?
- Does your company abide by EEO (equal employment opportunities)?
- Do people at your company usually just let things slide or do they complain about every little thing?
- Do you like the work environment and corporate culture at your workplace? Why? Why not?
- How would you react if an interviewer asked you about your: age, sex, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, race, disability, marital status, native language?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- Role-play:** Partner #1: You are having some problems at work. Go see the HR manager.
Partner #2: You are the HR manager. Listen to the person & help resolve the issue.
- Speech:** Talk about a movie or TV show that involves lots of work problems. e.g. The Office
- Speech:** Discuss some of the problems you have had at work over the years.
- Debate:** You think that your company is horrible, but your partner doesn't agree.