

09 CAREERS AND STUDYING

WATCH

- A Watch the video. Write what you hear about how Julia and Alexander are finding their jobs.**

- B Watch the video again. Decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).**

- 1 Julia's boss has a very short temper.
- 2 She finds her job quite rewarding.
- 3 There's a culture of fear in her office.
- 4 Alexander suggests that she resign.
- 5 Alexander has people working under him.
- 6 He's getting on-the-job training.

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- C Compare your ideas with a partner.**
- D Look at the video script. What are the missing words?**
- E Watch again and check your answers.**

PRACTISE PRONUNCIATION

- A Practise the conversation in pairs.**
- B Which words or phrases are difficult for you? Tell a partner.**
- C Watch again and listen to the words / phrases that are difficult to say.**
Ask your teacher to stop the video.
Repeat the word(s) / phrases.
- D In pairs, practise reading the dialogue again.**

KARAOKE

Watch the karaoke version and look at the video script. Act out the karaoke lines in *italics*.

VIDEO SCRIPT

- Alexander *So how're you finding your job? Is it going OK?*
- Julia No, it's not. It's awful! ¹ _____
at the moment.
- Alexander *Oh no! Really? How come?*
- Julia There are so many reasons. I don't know where to begin?
- Alexander Sounds really bad!
- Julia It is! Firstly, there's my boss. He's terrible. He's a monster. *He's a control freak and he* ² _____. He gets very, very angry about nothing. If I make one small mistake, he starts screaming and shouting.
- Alexander That sounds terrible.
- Julia And if I defend myself, he goes really, really crazy. He's scary.
- Alexander *That must be really awful.*
- Julia It is. It's draining ... emotionally draining. *Honestly, I'm* ³ _____. Sometimes, I come home from work and I just cry. For hours. Through the night! And then in addition, my colleagues are very strange as well. They're not very friendly and everyone is so scared that they don't talk to each other or socialise, so the feeling, the atmosphere in the office is very bad.
- Alexander You poor thing. *If it's so bad, why don't you* ⁴ _____?
- Julia Well, I might do if nothing changes. I'll wait and see, but I can't see myself staying there for the rest of my life. *The problem is that the money is good. The salary is great. The best I've ever had.*
- Alexander Yes, but ⁵ _____.
- Julia Money can't buy me love! You know this?
- Alexander It's a song?
- Julia Yes, by The Beatles.
- Alexander Oh. It's too old for me. *It's before I was born.*
- Julia Me too! ⁶ _____! But it's famous. Oh well. Anyway, how's your job going? How are you finding it?
- Alexander Oh, thank you for asking! It's going very, very well, actually.
- Julia Ah, that's nice for you!
- Alexander I don't think you mean that ... but thank you!
I ⁷ _____ last month and so now I'm a supervisor. *I'm responsible for five other people now. It's a very rewarding feeling.*
- Julia Wow! Congratulations. Did you ⁸ _____ as well?
- Alexander Of course. A good one.
- Julia So, you can buy lunch today, then!
- Alexander And I'm doing training for other people now, so I'm using all my skills. It's very stimulating. If I ⁹ _____, I'll be the boss in five years' time!
- Julia Well, I'm glad one of us is doing OK. *If the worst comes to the worst, I might need to ask you for a job.*
- Alexander I'm sure I can find something ... what was that word we learned? Yes, something menial for you!
- Julia Oh, ¹⁰ _____!