
ANSWER KEY

Unit 9**A**

Julia is really not enjoying her job at the moment. Her boss is terrible. She says he's a monster and a control freak who loses his temper a lot and gets angry about tiny little mistakes. If she tries to defend herself, he gets even angrier. Her colleagues are all a bit strange. No-one really talks to anyone else because everyone is so scared. She would leave, but the thing is the money is great.

Alexander is doing really well in his job. He got promoted last month and is now a supervisor responsible for five other people. He finds the job very rewarding. He got a raise as well. He's training other people, and using all his skills. It's very stimulating!

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- 1 True. He loses his temper a lot – and gets very angry about nothing!
- 2 False. She says it's emotionally draining.
- 3 True. Her colleagues are all scared to death and this affects the working culture.
- 4 True. He asks why she doesn't hand in her notice.
- 5 True. He's responsible for five other people.
- 6 False. He's doing training for other people.

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- 1 I'm not enjoying it at all
- 2 loses his temper a lot
- 3 struggling to cope
- 4 hand in your notice
- 5 money isn't everything
- 6 I'm not that old
- 7 got promoted
- 8 get a raise
- 9 carry on like this
- 10 you're so kind

VIDEO SCRIPT

- Alexander So how're you finding your job? Is it going OK?
- Julia No, it's not. It's awful! I'm not enjoying it at all 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 loses his temper a lot. 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 struggling to cope. 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 hand in your notice?
- 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 money isn't everything.
- 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! I'm not that old! 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 got promoted 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 get a raise 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 carry on like this, 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, you're so kind!