

B: I've been knocking for ages.
A: Really?
B: Yes, what took you so long?
A: I'm sorry. The radio was on and I didn't hear you.
B: Oh, I see.
A: I didn't mean to ignore you.
B: It's all right. Forget it.

15D, Page 128, Exercises 4 and 5

I heard a funny story the other day. It was about a nice old lady. She was walking along the street when she saw two young boys at the front door of a house. She thought perhaps they were locked out. They were trying to ring the doorbell but it was too high up. The boys were very small and they couldn't reach it. 'Here, let me help you,' the old lady said. So she pressed the bell and gave it a long ring. 'Thanks, now run!' shouted the boys. When she turned round she saw them running away down the street. So it just goes to show that ...

15D, Page 129, Exercises 7 and 8

A funny thing happened to me a few years ago. I was giving a training course on some project planning software. There were six people in the class and five of them were working hard. But the sixth one was looking really bored. So at lunchtime I spoke privately with her and asked if the course was useful for her. 'Well, actually,' she said, 'this is the fourth time I've done this course.' I was surprised. 'Why does your boss keep sending you on the same course?' I asked. 'Do you find it difficult to learn?' 'Oh, no,' she said. 'I know how to plan projects, but I hate doing it. So I always tell my boss I can't.' So it just goes to show that ...

16A, Page 130, Exercises 2 and 4

1

I = Interviewer, **H** = Heike Keller
I: With us today on 'Dream jobs', is Heike Keller. Welcome Heike.
H: Thank you.
I: Heike, I'm sure everyone would love your job. Can you tell us what you do for a living?
H: Yes, I'm a chocolate taster.
I: So someone pays you money to taste chocolate?
H: Yes.
I: Who?
H: Well, I work for a large department store in London and my job is to travel and find the best chocolate – in this country and abroad. So I buy chocolate for the store and I have to taste a lot of really top quality chocolate.
I: How did you find this job?
H: My friends saw it advertised and they told me about it. They knew I'd love it.
I: And do you?
H: Oh, yes.
I: Is there anything you don't like about it?
H: Well, I'd prefer to travel less and stay home a little more – but I get to see some wonderful places. So this is the perfect job for me. I'd hate to lose it.
I: Could you ever get tired of eating it?
H: Tired of eating chocolate?

I: Yes.
H: Oh no, that'd be impossible.

2

I = Interviewer, **P** = Pilar Benitez
I: With me today is Pilar Benitez.
P: Hi.
I: Pilar is a personal shopper for a department store in London. Pilar, what exactly does a personal shopper do?
P: Well, a client rings the store and books an appointment with me. Then we meet and we have a chat about what they want.
I: Uhuh.
P: Then I take them on to the shop floor and help them choose the right clothes.
I: So you spend your days shopping?
P: Exactly.
I: My teenage daughter would love your job.
P: I love shopping and choosing clothes, so it's the ideal job for me.
I: Do you have any famous clients?
P: Oh yes. I have several singers and I also have one very famous politician who's a regular client.
I: Who?
P: I'd rather not say their name.
I: Oohhh!
P: Sorry, but I don't think he'd want people to know.
I: What would you like to change about your job?
P: Well, sometimes I'd like a little more free time, but no, really ... it's so satisfying when my clients look great. I wouldn't want to do anything else.

3

I = Interviewer, **M** = Malcolm White
I: Hi. I'm at the Arcadium Hotel today and with me is Malcolm White. Malcolm, can you tell everyone your job title?
M: Yes, I'm the sleep director.
I: That's a very strange job title. What exactly does a sleep director do?
M: Well it's my job to stay in all our different hotels around the country and check that we provide the best possible conditions for a good night's sleep.
I: So you're the quality control manager?
M: That's right. We're a hotel chain, so our product's a good night's sleep. We wouldn't want to sell a product that wasn't tested.
I: So it's your job to sleep well.
M: That's right. I also speak to other guests and find out how they slept. And I meet sales representatives and collect information on new beds and bedroom furniture.
I: Is there anything you don't like about your job?
M: Oh, no. I wouldn't want to change a thing. Can you think of another job where you're paid to have the most relaxing time possible?
I: And nobody can fire you for sleeping on the job.
M: Exactly!

16B, Page 132, Exercises 2 and 3

A = Woman, **B** = Man