

Talking about other people

In this video, Noelia and Yuna talk about someone they know. Listen to the language they use for talking about other people and practise saying the useful phrases.

Before watching

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the two parts of the sentences (a–f) with (1–6).

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| 1. Do you work with the | a. manager. |
| 2. Do you know | b. New York office? |
| 3. Yes, | c. her job. |
| 4. She's nice, | d. I do. |
| 5. She's very good at | e. isn't she? |
| 6. She's an excellent | f. Chardine Jones? |

Tasks

Task 1

Circle the best answer.

- Noelia's project is
 - going badly.
 - going well.
- Noelia works with
 - the digital team.
 - the marketing team.
- Noelia has just
 - called Anya Patel.
 - emailed Anya Patel.
- Yuna knows Anya
 - from her last job.
 - through a friend.
- Noelia needs to talk to Anya about
 - a contract.
 - a time to meet.

6. When Anya calls, Noelia is

a. happy.

b. worried.

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

Do you work with	isn't she	Yes, I do
an excellent	do you know	at her job

Yuna: (1)..... the digital team?

Noelia: Yes, I'm helping them with a new website.

Yuna: So, (2)..... Anya Patel?

Noelia: (3)..... I just emailed her.

Yuna: She's lovely, (4)..... ? I worked with her in my last job.

Noelia: Yeah, I like her a lot.

Yuna: She's very good (5)..... She's (6)..... businessperson.

Task 3

Complete the dialogue.

A: Do you work (1)..... the writing team? Do (2)..... know Oliver Jacobs?

B: Yes, I (3).....

A: He's nice, isn't (4)..... ?

B: He's very good (5)..... his job.

A: He's (6)..... excellent writer.

Discussion

Do you know anyone who's really good at their job?

Transcript

Ana: Hi! I'm Ana. Welcome to *What to Say!*

Do you know what to say when you talk about other people? Listen out for useful language for talking about other people. Then, we'll practise saying the new phrases – after this.

Yuna: How's your new project going?

Noelia: It's going really well.

Yuna: Great. Do you work with the digital team?

Noelia: Yes, I'm helping them with a new website.

Yuna: So, do you know Anya Patel?

Noelia: Yes, I do. I just emailed her.

Yuna: She's lovely, isn't she? I worked with her in my last job.

Noelia: Yeah, I like her a lot.

Yuna: She's very good at her job. She's an excellent businessperson.

Noelia: Really?

Yuna: Yeah, she always gets what she wants.

Noelia: Oh ... I still need to discuss the contract with her.

Yuna: I see. OK ...

Noelia: That's her!

Yuna: Good luck!

Noelia: Thanks.

Noelia: Hello, Anya. Noelia speaking!

Ana: Hello again! Good luck, Noelia! So, did you notice the useful phrases used for talking about other people? Listen to me and then repeat.

Do you work with the digital team?

Do you know Anya Patel?

Yes, I do.

She's lovely, isn't she?

She's very good at her job.

She's an excellent businessperson.

Ana: Try and use some of these phrases the next time you talk about other people in English. Bye for now!

Answers

Preparation task

1. b
2. f
3. d
4. e
5. c
6. a

Task 1

1. b
2. a
3. b
4. a
5. a
6. b

Task 2

1. Do you work with
2. do you know
3. Yes, I do
4. isn't she
5. at her job
6. an excellent

Task 3

1. with
2. you
3. do
4. he
5. at
6. an