

LEXIS IN CONTEXT

e Look at the **highlighted** phrasal verbs and idioms and guess the meaning of the ones you don't know from the context. Then match them to the definitions 1–8.

- 1 _____ **PHR V** think they are better than sb / sth
- 2 _____ **IDM** makes me very upset
- 3 _____ **PHR V** move or make progress at the same rate as sb / sth
- 4 _____ **IDM** (*informal*) makes me annoyed
- 5 _____ **IDM** becomes exhausting
- 6 _____ **IDM** vitally important
- 7 _____ **PHR V** get bigger
- 8 _____ **IDM** can't think what to do or say

Fill in the blanks with the appropriate words from the list below: **look down on, do someone's head in, keep up with, get wearing, break someone's heart, to be life or death, build something up, go blank**

1. My boss tends to _____ anyone who isn't a manager, which creates a really negative atmosphere in the office.
2. The constant deadlines are starting to _____; I feel like I can never relax.
3. I can't _____ all the new policies being introduced every month.
4. The monotony of my daily tasks really _____ after a while.
5. It _____ when you work so hard on a project and then it's rejected without any explanation.
6. Sometimes it feels like missing a deadline is _____ in this company.
7. I've tried to _____ a good relationship with my colleagues, but it's difficult with all the competition.
8. Whenever I have to give a presentation, I _____ and forget everything I was supposed to say.

Complete each prompt with your own experiences or thoughts. Then share your ideas with the class and ask follow-up questions to learn more about your classmates' job situations.

1. "One thing that really _____ at my job is when ...
2. "Sometimes, trying to _____ feels impossible. There's just so much happening at once!"
3. "Working in _____ can really _____ after a while, especially when _____.
4. "It _____ when you put in a lot of effort into _____ and it's not appreciated."
5. "In my job, _____ feels like _____.
6. "I've tried to _____ my skills in this field, but/ and _____
7. " I sometimes _____ because of the pressure."
8. "It's frustrating when _____."