

renovate - renovation

brand new

a huge variety of

(training) facility

contribute – contribution

financial success/ assistance

dairy product

declare – declaration

merger and acquisition

collapse

senior executive

a career move

chief financial officer

caterer

impression

overtime pay

shocking announcement

rival

chairman

VOCABULARY PRACTICE

financial	poster	facility	career move	variety
brand new	renovation	huge	postcard	dairy

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ANSWER KEY:

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LISTENING PART 4 – PRACTICE

ACTIVITY 1:

Fill in the blanks:

Welcome to the World of Business. Our main story tonight is the news that Eileen Vicks, C.E.O. of Mundo Medical, is leaving the company to join rival PRC Chemicals. This shocking announcement was made at a press conference just ten minutes ago. Vicks has been at Mundo Medical for more than twenty years, steering the company from early difficulties to become the number two supplier of drugs to the U.S. market. Her departure raises questions of a merger between the two giants.

Choose the correct answer:

1. **What is being announced?**
 - A. A merge between two companies
 - B. The collapse of a drug company
 - C. A career move by a senior executive
 - D. Difficulties in the U.S. drug market
2. **How long has Ms. Vicks worked at Mundo Medical?**
 - A. Just two years
 - B. For ten years
 - C. Over twenty years
 - D. All her working life
3. **What is implied about the news?**
 - A. It was expected.
 - B. It is surprising.
 - C. Investors are happy
 - D. Some staff are jealous.

ACTIVITY 2:

- 1. What is Mrs. Sophia's current position?**
 - A. President
 - B. Accountant
 - C. Chairman
 - D. Chief financial officer
- 2. When did Mrs. Sophia start working at the company?**
 - A. A month ago
 - B. A year ago
 - C. Three years ago
 - D. Ten years ago
- 3. What is the audience asked to do?**
 - A. Promote a job opening
 - B. Congratulate Mrs. Sophia
 - C. Meet with the president
 - D. Apply for the job

ACTIVITY 3:

- 1. Who is James Smith?**
 - A. The president of a company
 - B. The executive chef
 - C. The founder of the restaurant
 - D. The caterer
- 2. Why were the listeners asked to work extra hours?**
 - A. To get some bonus
 - B. To complete some reports
 - C. To attend a workshop
 - D. To clean the restaurant
- 3. What will the listeners get?**
 - A. Overtime pay
 - B. Bonus leaves
 - C. Free vacation
 - D. A discount

SCRIPT – ACTIVITY 2

M: Good afternoon, everyone. As your president, it's my pleasure to announce that Mrs. Sophia has become our new chief financial officer of NEM Corporation. She has been an accountant at our company for a long time. Since she joined the staff ten years ago, she has helped NEM Corporation grow faster and achieve many goals in a very competitive market. Last year, when many of our competitors were struggling to survive, she made a great effort to help our business get the highest revenue ever. As the president of the company, I am pleased that she has accepted the offer, and will start her new role next week. Could you please give a big round of applause to congratulate her?

SCRIPT – ACTIVITY 3

M: Good morning, everyone. I called this meeting to let you know that James Smith, the president of Quick Space will visit our restaurant next Monday. He is an important customer, so please give him a good impression. Because cleanliness is the key factor of a good restaurant, I would like everyone to work overtime this weekend to clean the space. You will receive overtime pay. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you so much.