

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 5

- 1 OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Which speaker is most similar to you?
- 2** Read Pasha's introduction and underline the words in italics that you think he will say. Then watch the video from 0:10–0:29 and check your answers.

Hi. I ¹*m/'m not* a very practical person: I don't like DIY or ²*fixing/solving* problems with my bike. I do help my friends to sort out their ³*practical/emotional* problems, though. Today, ⁴*I'm talking/I'll talk* to people about ⁵*resolving/solving* problems. Would you describe ⁶*you/yourself* as a practical person?



Glossary: *DIY (Do it Yourself)* = doing repairs/decorating your house etc. yourself rather than paying someone else to do it
fix = repair
sort out = deal with/solve

- 3** *Would you describe yourself as a practical person?* Watch the video from 0:29–1:06 and circle the speakers' answers, 1–7.
- 1 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No
 - 2 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No
 - 3 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No
 - 4 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No
 - 5 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No
 - 6 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No
 - 7 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No
- 4** *What kinds of problems are you good/not so good at solving?* Read the questions below. Then watch the video from 1:07–2:28 and underline the correct answers.

How many people ...

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| 1 are good at repairing machines that break down? | <i>One / Two</i> |
| 2 are good at solving interpersonal and emotional problems? | <i>One / Two</i> |
| 3 aren't good at dealing with their own relationship problems? | <i>One / Two</i> |
| 4 aren't good at solving problems with cars? | <i>One / Two</i> |

Glossary: *interpersonal* = relationships between people
emotional = related to people's feelings
heal a disease = cure a serious illness

- 5** Look at the people in the pictures and read their answers. Then watch the video again from 1:07–2:28 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each answer.



Emily

- 1 Emily's not very good at project managing. F
- 2 She's good at solving other people's problems.



Sarah

- 1 Sarah's husband always packs their luggage when they go on holiday.
- 2 She's very good at helping people who want to change jobs.



Jasmin

- 1 Jasmin's good at solving problems relating to people.
- 2 She's a psychologist.



Josephine

- 1 Josephine's good at solving a wide variety of problems.
- 2 She's very good at finding her way with a map.

- 6** If you could have one 'super power', what would it be and why? Look at the people and read their answers. Then watch the video from 2:29–3:17 and match the speakers with the correct answers.



A

Richard



B

Sarah



C

Josephine



D

Keith



E

Jasmin



F

Emily



G

David

Who would like ...

- 1 to know when people are telling the truth?
- 2 to be able to become invisible?
- 3 not to make the same mistakes again?
- 4 to be able to do a lot of things at the same time?
- 5 to help people who are suffering?
- 6 to be able to make everybody into a nice person?
- 7 to know what is going to happen in the financial markets?

Glossary: *invisible* = you can't see the person/thing
financial = related to money

7 THE WAY WE SPEAK: The people below talk about what they are good at and the 'super powers' they would like to have. Complete the phrases in *italics* with words from the box, using the definitions in brackets to help you. Then watch the video to check your answers.

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Emily

- 1 Yeah, I do quite a lot of DIY around the house – I've just ¹*done up* (decorated) my flat, so I'm quite 'hands-on'.
- 2 The superpower I would love to have at the moment is ²*to _____ able to* (have the ability to) do ten things at the same time.
³*That's _____* (the reason for this is) I've just had a baby so I'm always running around.



Richard

- 1 I work for a charity, so I think I'm quite 'solutions-focussed' and I ⁴*_____ to think* (I believe this but other people might not agree) I'm practical.
- 2 My own problems: ⁵*you _____*, (to introduce more information or examples) relationships and problems at home and, you know, ⁶*the _____* (things in general) that you can't avoid.



Keith

- 1 Anything ²*to _____ with* (related to) cars or machinery.
- 2 I think it would be something to do with ⁴*_____ able to* (having the ability to) predict the future of financial markets.

Glossary: 'hands-on' = do things yourself rather than talk about it, or ask someone else to do it
'solutions-focussed' = good at concentrating on finding solutions for problems

8 PERSONALISATION: Write *your* answers to the questions.

- 1 Would you describe yourself as a practical person?

- 2 What kinds of problems are you good at solving?

- 3 What kinds of problems are you not so good at solving?

- 4 If you could have one 'super power' what would it be and why?
