

## Market Leader Intermediate Homework 3.2

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**Warm-up Discussion** - Write down your answers and be ready to discuss:

- How open are you to changes and new experiences?
  - o Do you like trying new foods, meeting new people, studying new things, using new technology, or traveling to new places?
  - o How comfortable are you to life changes? For example living in a new house/apartment, driving a new car, or having a new roommate.
  - o How comfortable are you with career changes? For example, taking a new position at your company, working on new projects, or working with a new colleague.

### Listening -Part A - C

Use the audio tracks to answer the questions in the book and be ready to summarize and discuss with your teaching in class. Make note of any part that is hard to understand so your teacher can help you with it in class.

**Vocabulary in Use** - Write down your answers and be ready to discuss:

1. Do you avoid traveling during the **peak travel seasons**?
2. Have you ever had any problems while **checking in** to an airline or hotel?
3. Are you the member of any **frequent flier** programs?

### Language Review - Parts B & C

Complete the grammar exercises in Part B. Then write a response to the question in part C or be ready to share a story about a significant change that you have noticed in your home town, company or country.

### Skills - Parts B

Listen to audio track 1.17 (script below). Check definitions for any of the vocabulary words below that you don't know. Then answer the questions in the Listening Comprehension and Discussion sections.

Regulation  
Restriction  
Limitation  
Policy  
Pavement

#### Vocabulary

Balcony  
Filthy  
Open-minded  
Tolerant  
Rebellious

Addiction  
Contribution  
Nicotine  
Human Right

### Listening Comprehension - Smoking Policy

1. Why does Petra want to discuss the smoking policy in this meeting?
2. What is Eduardo's opinion and why does Matsuko disagree?
3. Why does William disagree with Matsuko and what does he think should be done?
4. What is the result of this meeting?

## Discussion Questions

- Do you agree that if a company allows smoking areas to be in ideal rest area's like balconies, it sets a bad example for younger staff?
- Do you think it is important for companies to be open-minded and tolerant of employees who smoke? For example, should they give them longer breaks? Should companies pay for extra health insurance costs that result from employees' smoking habits?
- What policy does your company have about smoking? Do you agree or disagree with this policy?
- The company POSCO had a company-wide campaign in 2013, which encouraged its workers to stop smoking. They used nicotine blood testing to check that their employees were following the rule, and used positive or negative reinforcement to manage their employees. Do you think this is a fair policy for a company to enforce? Should more companies do this?
- How do you feel about Korean laws requiring smokers to smoke only in designated areas and restricting smokers from smoking in restaurants and public areas? Is this against human rights or should there be stricter regulations? Do you agree or disagree with Korea's recent decision to raise taxes on tobacco products?
- Some young people initially take up smoking because of fashion icons like James Dean who made smoking look attractive, rebellious and cool. Do you think smoking is attractive, rebellious and cool? Do you think electronic cigarettes have the same fashion appeal as normal cigarettes?

## Smoking Policy Business Meeting Script

Petra: Good morning everyone. I take it you've received the agenda and the minutes of our last meeting. Does anyone have any comments?

William: Umm.. No.

Petra: Right, the purpose of this meeting is to discuss our smoking policy. As you know, people are been complaining that our staff have been smoking just outside the door of our building and leaving cigarette ends everyone on the pavement. That's not acceptable. Eduardo, you are a smoker. What do you think we should do about it?

Eduardo: Well I think that we should be able to smoke outside the restaurant on the balcony. It's big enough for plenty of people to sit there. It's in the open air and we smokers would be happy. We wouldn't bother to go outside the building.

Petra: Hmm. Interesting. How do you feel about that Matsuko? Do you agree with Eduardo?

Matsuko: Not at all. Our smoking has always been no smoking on company premises. I think we should keep it that way. Non-smoking staff often go out on the balcony to relax. They don't want to breath in a lot of filthy smoke. No, it's not at all...

William: Come on Matsuko. I'm not a smoker but I do think you should be a little more open-minded, more tolerant.

Petra: I'm sorry, William. What you say is very interesting, I'm sure. But could you let Matsuko finish please? You'll get your turn to give your opinion.

William: Sorry for interrupting you Matsuko. Please go on.

Matsuko: I just wanted to say, I don't think. We should provide places in the building for people to smoke. It's setting a bad example, especially to younger staff.

Petra: William, what do you want to say?

William: I just think we have to try to understand smokers. They're addicted to smoking; they find it very hard to give up. So we should provide them with somewhere to enjoy their habit. Or if we can't do

that., give them a longer break during the morning, say, at 11 o'clock? So they can go to the park near here and have a cigarette.

Matsuko: I think that's a good idea Petra. It would show smokers that we want to help them. You know, that we are a tolerant, open-minded company.

Petra: Not a bad idea, it's definitely worth considering too. But I think we should move on now. Can we come back to the smoking issue at our next meeting? I want to get the opinion of staff about our smoking policy. So they will be getting a questionnaire about it from our HR department sometime in the next few days... Okay everyone thanks for your comments. To sum up then on the smoking policy, we will consider whether we want to give smokers a longer break in the morning and we'll discuss the matter again at next week's meeting. Okay, any other business? Right, thanks everyone for your contributions.