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Listening 1 Exercise A

Micah Ana, I wonder if you can help me out with something.

Ana Sure, what is it?

Micah I'm having problems at work. The office I work in is really stressful. Anyway, I'm seriously thinking of changing my job.

Ana Would you want to work from home, like me?

Micah I'm not sure. I've never worked from home before. Can you tell me a little about it? Do you enjoy being home all the time?

Ana Yeah, I do … most of the time. I like the fact that I don't have to commute and I can work at any time of day that I choose, not nine-to-five, like so many people do. But …

Micah But what?

Ana Well, you have to be the sort of person who doesn't mind being alone because obviously you don't see many people when you work from home.

Micah Hmm. That's a good point. I hadn't really considered that. I'm pretty sociable, so I might get lonely.

Ana I tend to use video-conferencing a lot. That helps. It allows me to talk things through with other people.

Micah I avoid being alone whenever I can. Hmm. Maybe I could rent a workspace instead of working in my apartment. That would enable me to get out and see other people.

Ana Yes, that's not a bad idea. You also need to be organized because it's tricky not having set hours. You can very easily find yourself working either far too much or far too little!

Micah Do you mainly work during the day?

Ana Yeah, I try to do that, but the other day I suddenly realized I'd been working for nine hours without a break. I'd even forgotten to eat lunch! I was just so busy …

Micah Wow. In the company where I work, we all take a break for coffee in the morning and afternoon as well as a lunch break. Maybe working from home isn't a great idea after all.

Ana Well, I advise you to think about it before you quit your job.

Micah Yeah, I think you're right. Thanks, Ana.

Ana No problem. Let me know what you decide to do.

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Listening 2 Exercise B

Host On today's show, we're talking to Gustavo about how an app has changed his life. Gustavo, welcome.

Gustavo Thanks. I'm very happy to be here.

Host Gustavo, before we talk about the app, perhaps you could tell listeners what your life was like before you started using it.

Gustavo OK, so, I was a very disorganized person. I had too many side projects going on and no real system to help me manage them. On top of that, I was constantly missing deadlines at work, and I often felt stressed out. I think, looking back, ignoring these problems for so long was a bad move.

Host I see. So how did you discover the app – what's it called, Line up your life?

Gustavo Yes, that's right. Well, a friend had it on her phone and showed me her profile. At first I thought it might not be worth the money. I mean, I already had a calendar and a to-do list app on my phone. What's the difference? That's what I was asking myself.

Host And what is the difference?

Gustavo Well, it doesn't just store tasks. It analyzes how you use your time and suggests better ways of working. Ways that are more efficient. For example, I get reports showing me when I'm most productive. My schedule is also organized automatically for me, depending on my energy levels.

Host That sounds quite personal.

Gustavo It is, that's why it's so good. It also tracks my goals and projects. If I start falling behind, I receive advice that encourages me to rethink my priorities.

Host And has it made a big difference?

Gustavo Absolutely! Little by little, I've become more organized, and as a result, more confident and focused. I regret not downloading it sooner.

Host It sounds perfect. But there must be some disadvantages, right?

Gustavo Well, sometimes I rely on it too much. If my battery dies or I haven't got my phone on me for whatever reason, I feel lost. Also, there are privacy concerns, I must admit. The app has access to a lot of my personal information, which I'm not entirely comfortable with.

Host Gustavo, that's all we've got time for, but thank you so much for talking to us today.

Gustavo Thank you!