

EVOLVE LEVEL 5, Final Test A

LISTENING 1

- 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.