

### Track 1 Unit 1 A1 Exercise a.

- Tanja: Good morning, David. You're here early today. It's not even eight o'clock and you're already working!
- David: Morning, Tanja. Yeah, I got a lift into town because the weather's so bad. I didn't feel like standing at the bus stop getting wet.
- Tanja: Hey, I thought you English were used to rainy weather.
- David: Ha ha ha.
- Tanja: Anyway, the weather forecast says it's going to be better tomorrow.
- David: Thank goodness for that. So, did you have a nice weekend, Tanja?
- Tanja: Yes, I went to Freiburg with a friend. We were lucky because it was the last day of the warm sunshine. You won't believe it, but we had lunch outside. Anyway, what about your weekend?
- David: Well, we spent most of the time getting Luke ready for his first day at kindergarten.
- Tanja: Oh, is it his first day today? How did he feel about it?
- David: I thought he'd be nervous, but he was really excited. I don't know how long that'll last, but it'll be great if he settles in and makes some friends.
- Tanja: I'm sure he will. Hey, I see you've got yet another photo of Luke on your desk! Oh, he's so cute! By the way, something else seems different in here. Has someone moved the furniture?
- David: Yes, it was me, actually. I decided to turn my computer around so I can face the window.
- Tanja: Oh, David, you can't do that. It's bad for your eyes and anyway it's against the regulations.
- David: What regulations?
- Tanja: The health and safety regulations<sup>i</sup>. Didn't you know? Our offices have to be ergonomic<sup>ii</sup>!
- David: No one tells me anything around here. Anyway, I enjoy looking out of the window.
- Tanja: Okay, but don't be surprised if they come and tell you to turn it back to where it was.
- David: Well, thanks for warning me, Tanja! I'm amazed. You've only been at the company for two months and you already know everything!
- Tanja: I was told that when you're a trainee<sup>iii</sup>, you need to keep your ears and eyes open all the time.
- David: Good advice, I guess.
- Tanja: Hey, David, look at your pot plants! I think they need water. Look how dry they are.
- David: Oh, yeah, thanks – I'll water them now. Are there regulations against pot plants, too?
- Tanja: I don't think so ... But you know what, with our new management, anything can change. They seem to have lots of new ideas.
- David: Yes, having all internal communication in English was a good move, in my opinion. After all, we are a global corporation. But apart from that, I expect it'll be business as usual.
- Tanja: Well, not exactly, David. There may be some bigger changes than you think.
- David: Oh?
- Tanja: I've just heard a few rumours, that's all. From people who are worried about their jobs. Probably nothing in it, of course. But since the takeover everything has gone quiet. Too quiet some people think. But you're probably right. And anyway, for us it'll be business as usual. In fact, I can see a load of paper-work waiting for me already.
- David: At least you're getting interesting tasks to do – not just photocopying all day.
- Tanja: I guess so. A friend of mine – she's a trainee in another company – she has to make coffee for her boss. I'd refuse to do that!
- David: So would I. Oh, Tanja, there are some phone messages for you ...
- Tanja: Okay, I'll listen to them while I have my breakfast. I picked up a couple of butterpretzels from the bakery on the way here. Can I offer you one?
- David: No, thanks, Tanja, not while I'm working. I don't want butter and crumbs all over my keyboard<sup>iv</sup>. By the way, er, Tanja, if you're getting yourself a coffee, could you bring me one, too?
- Tanja: Sure, I'll do it for you David, since you're not my boss! Capuccino with milk and sugar?
- David: Yes, please. The usual!