

D Exercise 3 (Track 21)

- Interviewer:* Good morning Mr Jackson.
Mr Jackson: Good morning.
Interviewer: Mr Jackson, I take it you would like to join our company.
Mr Jackson: I certainly would.
Interviewer: Well, that's good. Your CV seems to be up to par. Now I'd like you to tell me a little bit more about yourself.
Mr Jackson: Well, I think I'm a quite serious-minded, quiet sort of person.
Interviewer: Oh, you're quiet?
Mr Jackson: Well, yes. But I can handle a joke here and there and I think I have a sense of humour. And most of all I enjoy working with all kinds of people.
Interviewer: Yes ... And where do you see yourself three years from now?
Mr Jackson: I see myself working in a big tied agency and one day I would like to open up my own insurance agency in my home town.
Interviewer: What is it specifically that attracted you to the insurance business?
Mr Jackson: First of all as I said I enjoy working with people, and secondly I think your company has a good reputation in the business. You're a large company and I hope that the work is challenging because at the moment I'm doing a rather run-of-the-mill job, you know, boring, routine type of work.
Interviewer: So you're saying that you would like to move on to a position which gives you more opportunity to develop your professional skills?
Mr Jackson: Yes. I want to be challenged and to use my initiative.
Interviewer: Uh um, I see.
Mr Jackson: Excuse me, can I ask you a question?
Interviewer: Of course, go ahead!
Mr Jackson: I would like to know if I will also be able to work in your Paris and Dubai branches?
Interviewer: Oh certainly. We send our staff to do three months placements in one of our branches abroad.
Mr Jackson: Oh that's great! That's what I'm interested in!
Interviewer: I would like to know what you consider your strengths and weaknesses.
Mr Jackson: Well, as I said before I think my ability to work with all kinds of people is one of my strengths, – and weaknesses? Well, I quite often get frustrated if things don't turn out the way I planned.
Interviewer: I wouldn't say that's a real weakness!
Mr Jackson: I suppose another thing is that I love to travel. I want to do that intensively in the next couple of years before I settle down in my home town.
Interviewer: Well, thank you, that will be all for now.