

# The Intern (4)

Ben meets Jules

**Part 1 Language Preview** *Try to guess the meaning of the underlined words from context before you watch the video.*

1. I know. I look 40, but I am actually only 32. All those late nights at the bar ages you.
2. Please don't dawdle. Just put on your coat and boots and let's go.
3. Don't worry. I know what to do. Sarah already gave me the drill.
4. The plan would be much easier to grasp if we had a map and some pictures.
5. I think you will be better off working with Jim. He is very professional and systematic.
6. My last company was super cas. Everyone wore sandals and shorts.

**Part 2 Comprehension** *Decide if these statements are true or false.*

1. T / F Ben is late for his meeting with Jules.
2. T / F Becky is surprised that Ben is going to be Jules' intern.
3. T / F Jules likes people to speak slowly.
4. T / F Jules has a lot of work for Ben to do.
5. T / F Jules suggests that Ben transfer to another department.
6. T / F Jules thinks that she is difficult to work for.
7. T / F Ben wants to work with Jules.
8. T / F Jules wants Ben to stop by her office a few times a day.
9. T / F Jules insists that Ben stop wearing a suit.

**Part 3 Discussion** *Discuss these questions with your partner or group.*

1. Do you think you would enjoy working for Jules (as her assistant)? What would be one good thing and one bad thing about working for her?
2. Would you like to have Ben as an intern (a 70-year-old man)? What would be one good thing and one bad thing?
3. Would you like to have a 70-year-old man from your country as an intern? Why?
4. Do you prefer a formal or casual work environment? Think about clothing, rules, working hours, communication style? Why?
5. How many suits do you own? What colors? Which one is your favorite? Do you get your suits tailor-made, or do you buy them off-the-rack?
6. What are some things that age you? (i.e. drinking too much coffee)

**Part 4 Grammar** *These sentences are from the video. Try to remember the preposition that best completes each sentence. (Nothing is possible.)*

1. Hi. I'm Ben Whittaker. I have a 3:55 appointment \_\_\_\_\_ Ms. Ostin.
2. It's the job. It ages you, which won't be great \_\_\_\_\_ your case.
3. I'm not going to have a lot \_\_\_\_\_ you to do.
4. And you being assigned \_\_\_\_\_ me is just to set an example \_\_\_\_\_ the rest of the team.
5. You'll be happier, believe me. I am not so fun to work \_\_\_\_\_.
6. That's what I gather, but I can get along \_\_\_\_\_ anyone.
7. Okay. Then it looks \_\_\_\_\_ you're stuck \_\_\_\_\_ me.
8. I'm comfortable \_\_\_\_\_ a suit if it's okay.
9. Well, I think we did it \_\_\_\_\_ less than two minutes. I'll wait to hear \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**Part 5 Sentence Building** *Write sentences about the video clip using the words given. You can change the word form or add words, but you cannot change the word order. Use a present time frame (mainly present tenses).*

E.g. Ben / 3:55 / appointment / Ostin

*Ben has a 3:55 appointment with Ms. Ostin.*

1. Becky / say / job / age / you
2. Becky / advise / Ben / talk / fast / and / not / forget / blink
3. Jules / recommend / Ben / work / marketing / because / it / slow / and / easy / grasp
4. Jules / admit / she / not / so / fun / work
5. Ben / tell / Jules / he / not / want / transfer
6. Jules / promise / email / Ben / when / she / something / him / do
7. Jules / let / Ben / know / he / not / have / dress
8. Ben / feel / comfortable / wear / suit

## Script

**Becky:** Yes, hello?

**Ben:** Hi. I'm Ben Whittaker. I have a 3:55 appointment with Ms. Ostin.

**Becky:** 3:55? I thought she was meeting with her new intern.

**Ben:** That's me. How (are) you doing?

**Becky:** I'm sorry, uh, how are you an intern?

**Ben:** It's the new senior intern program. It just started today.

**Becky:** Oh my god. Um... How old are you?

**Ben:** 70. You?

**Becky:** I'm 24. I know I look older. It's the job. It ages you, which won't be great in your case. Sorry.

**Ben:** I actually thought you looked younger.

**Becky:** Yeah, right.

**Ben:** Any tips before I go in?

**Becky:** Just talk fast. She hates slow talkers. Maybe that's just when I talk slow. Don't dawdle in any way. Just keep it moving. And don't forget to blink.

**Ben:** Hi, Jules? I'm Ben, your new intern.

**Jules:** I'm glad you also see the humor in this.

**Ben:** (It would) Be hard not to.

**Jules:** So, Ben... I was going to say what is a nice guy like you doing at a place like this, but Cameron gave me the drill. So, can I just be honest with you?

**Ben:** Please.

**Jules:** I'm not going to have a lot for you to do. That's the truth. And you being assigned to me is kind of just for me to set an example for the rest of the team.

**Jules:** If you ask me, I think that you'd be much better off working in creative or marketing. It's a little bit slower pace. Maybe a little bit easier to grasp. If you requested to transfer, we could make that happen.

**Ben:** If that's what you'd prefer.

**Jules:** You'll be happier, believe me. I am not so fun to work for.

**Ben:** That's what I gather, but I can get along with anyone. And I'm here to learn about your world, give help where I can, so...

**Jules:** So, you don't want to transfer?

**Ben:** Not really, sir. I'm terribly sorry. Excuse me.

**Jules:** Okay. Well then, looks like you're stuck with me.

**Ben:** Great. I'm excited.

**Jules:** I will email you when I have something for you to do.

**Ben:** Or I could just stop by a few times a day, check in?

**Jules:** I'll email you. Also, don't feel like you have to dress up. I mean, we're super cas here.

**Ben:** I'm comfortable in a suit if it's okay.

**Jules:** No, it's fine. Old school.

**Ben:** Exactly. At least I'll stand out.

**Jules:** I don't think you need a suit to do that.

**Ben:** True. Well, I think we did it in less than two minutes. I'll wait to hear from you.

**Jules:** Okay.

## Answers

### Part 2

1. **False** Ben is late for his meeting with Jules.
2. **True** Becky is surprised that Ben is going to be Jules' intern.
3. **False** Jules likes people to speak slowly.
4. **False** Jules has a lot of work for Ben to do.
5. **True** Jules suggests that Ben transfer to another department.
6. **True** Jules thinks that she is difficult to work for.
7. **True** Ben wants to work with Jules.
8. **False** Jules wants Ben to stop by her office a few times a day.
9. **False** Jules insists that Ben stop wearing a suit.

### Part 4

1. Hi. I'm Ben Whittaker. I have a 3:55 appointment **with** Ms. Ostin.
2. It's the job. It ages you, which won't be great **in** your case.
3. I'm not going to have a lot **for** you to do.
4. And you being assigned **to** me is just to set an example **for** the rest of the team.
5. You'll be happier, believe me. I am not so fun to work **for**.
6. That's what I gather, but I can get along **with** anyone.
7. Okay. Then it looks like you're stuck **with** me.
8. I'm comfortable **in** a suit if it's okay.
9. Well, I think we did it **in** less than two minutes. I'll wait to hear **to** you.

**Part 5** These are the most natural answers. Some other variations may be possible.

1. Becky says (that) the job ages you.
2. Becky advises Ben to talk fast and not forget to blink.
3. Jules recommends (that) Ben work in marketing because it is slow(er) and easi(er) to grasp.
4. Jules admits (that) she is not so fun to work for.
5. Ben tells Jules that he doesn't want to transfer.
6. Jules promises to email Ben when she has something for him to do.
7. Jules lets Ben know that he doesn't have to dress [up/formally].
8. Ben feels (more) comfortable (when he is) wearing a suit.