

The Intern (9)

Ben Joins Facebook

Part 1 Comprehension *Answer these questions after you watch the video.*

1. T / F Jules says that she prefers to eat alone.
2. T / F Ben calls Jules' company a chick site.
3. T / F Ben used to be a vice-president for a phonebook company.
4. T / F Ben worked in this same building when he worked for the phonebook company.
5. T / F Ben worked in this building for more than 40 years.
6. T / F Working in the building feels very uncomfortable for Ben
7. T / F Jules persuades Ben to join Facebook.
8. T / F Jules didn't know that Ben's wife had died.
9. T / F Jules doesn't want to friend Ben on Facebook.
10. T / F Jules wants to talk about work with Ben.

Part 2 Language Review *Choose the word or expression from the video that best matches the highlighted expressions.*

1. Oh, [I can't stop because it is a habit].
2. Here you go. I [stole] these from the tech fridge.
3. It was going well until he called us, I believe the term he used was, [a website for women].
4. [I totally agree]. I find that surprising.
5. Yeah. I was in charge of printing, and before that I [was in charge of] sales and advertising.
6. It was a few steps up [at that time].

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

1. Ben is very deferential (respectful) to Jules even though he is much older and has more professional experience than her. Does this seem unusual to you? Do you think most older retired men would be equally respectful to Jules (in your country)? Why?
2. Ben seems to prefer a more formal boss-employee relationship. Jules is trying to create a much more informal atmosphere in her company? Which style do you prefer? Why?
3. Would you feel comfortable hanging out and drinking with your boss one-on-one? How about with your teacher? Professor? Would it be awkward? Why?
4. Who still actually uses Facebook these days? For what? What do you use it for?
5. Instead of Facebook, what would you recommend Ben sign up for? Why?
6. Are there any apps or platforms (SNS) that you have had trouble learning or using?
7. Would you ever consider dating someone who is a widow or widower? How about divorced? Why?

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

1. A couple hours ago, you had a meeting _____ another possible CEO.
2. It was going well until he called us _____ a chick site.
3. So Ben, what did you do _____ work before you retired?
4. I was _____ charge _____ printing, and before that I ran _____ sales and advertising.
5. _____ twenty-seven years, I sat right by that window. That was my office.
6. Well, it feels _____ home. It's remodeled, but home.
7. So you're _____ Facebook, huh?
8. I'll be friends _____ the other interns. They'll show me how to do it _____ the morning.
9. Well, I have about another hour _____ work. Are you okay _____ that?
10. Yeah. It was nice to have an adult conversation _____ an adult man.

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. Jules / work / late / so / she / order / pizza

Jules is working late, so she orders a pizza.

1. Jules / invite / Ben / share / pizza / after / swipe / couple / beer / tech / fridge
2. Jules / frustrated / because / CEO / candidate / refer / company / chick / site
3. After / ask / him / previous / job / Jules / realize / Ben / used / work / this / building
4. Jules / help / Ben / set / Facebook / account
5. Jules / become / Ben / first / friend / Facebook
6. Jules / grateful / Ben / give / her / chance / have / adult / conversation / adult / man
7. little / later / Ben / drive / Jules / home

Script

Jules: I hate eating alone.

Ben: So do I.

Jules: You know, you don't actually have to keep doing that.

Ben: Oh, force of habit.

Jules: Here you go. I swiped these from the tech fridge.

Ben: Oh, nice going.

Jules: You want a slice?

Ben: Sure, thanks. Cheers.

Jules: Cheers.

Ben: I noticed a couple hours ago you had a meeting with another possible CEO. I saw him arrive. How'd that go?

Jules: It was going well until he called us, I believe the term he used was, "a chick site." And I didn't hear anything he said after that. Apparently, selling clothes makes us a chick site. I mean, really? How is this not legit?

Ben: I couldn't agree more. I find that surprising.

Jules: Really? Sexism in business? So, what did you do for work, Ben, before you retired?

Ben: I was a V.P. for Dex One.

Jules: Phonebooks?

Ben: Yeah. I was in charge of printing, and before that I ran sales and advertising.

Jules: Big jobs. Wasn't this a factory that used to make phonebooks? No. What? This is where you worked?

Ben: For almost 40 years. Yeah. For twenty-seven years I sat right by that window. That was my office. It was a few steps up back then. We'd look out over the whole factory.

Jules: Is it totally weird being back here?

Ben: Well, it feels like home. It's remodeled, but home.

Jules: So you're on Facebook, huh?

Ben: Well, I've been trying to figure it out. I joined about 10 minutes ago.

Jules: Well, better late than never. You want some help?

Ben: I'd love some, but, really, you've got better things to do.

Jules: No, I need a diversion. Um, okay, what's your relationship status? Are you married? Single?

Ben: Widower.

Jules: I'm sorry. I think we should just say single, then?

Ben: Yeah.

Jules: Okay, do you know what you need now? You need someone to friend.

Ben: I'll be friends with the other interns. They'll show me how to do it in the morning.

Jules: Well, you, you can friend me.

Ben: Okay, thank you.

Jules: Okay. Congratulations. You are now officially part of the Facebook generation.

Ben: Good deal.

Jules: You done?

Ben: Yes. Thank you.

Jules: Well, I have about another hour of work. Are you okay with that?

Ben: Of course. This was great, Jules.

Jules: Yeah. It was nice to have an adult conversation with an adult man. You know what I mean? Like, not about work. Not about...

Ben: I know what you mean.

Answers

Part 1

1. **FALSE** Jules says that she prefers to eat alone.
2. **FALSE** Ben calls Jules' company a chick site.
3. **TRUE** Ben used to be a vice-president for a phonebook company.
4. **TRUE** Ben worked in this same building when he worked for the phonebook company.
5. **FALSE** Ben worked in this building for more than 40 years.
6. **FALSE** Working in the building feels very uncomfortable for Ben
7. **FALSE** Jules persuades Ben to join Facebook.
8. **TRUE** Jules didn't know that Ben's wife had died.
9. **FALSE** Jules doesn't want to friend Ben on Facebook.
10. **FALSE** Jules wants to talk about work with Ben.

Part 2

1. Oh, [**Force of habit**].
2. Here you go. I [**swiped**] these from the tech fridge.
3. It was going well until he called us, I believe the term he used was, [**a chick site**].
4. [**I couldn't agree more**]. I find that surprising.
5. Yeah. I was in charge of printing, and before that I [**ran**] sales and advertising.
6. It was a few steps up [**back then**].

Part 4

1. A couple hours ago, you had a meeting **with** another possible CEO.
2. It was going well until he called us **Ø** a chick site.
3. So Ben, what did you do **for** work before you retired?
4. I was **in** charge **of** printing, and before that I ran **with** sales and advertising.
5. **For** twenty-seven years, I sat right by that window. That was my office.
6. Well, it feels **like** home. It's remodeled, but home.
7. So you're **on** Facebook, huh?
8. I'll be friends **with** the other interns. They'll show me how to do it **in** the morning.
9. Well, I have about another hour **of** work. Are you okay **with** that?
10. Yeah. It was nice to have an adult conversation **with** an adult man.

Part 5

1. Jules invites Ben to share [her/a/the] pizza after swiping a couple of beers from the tech fridge.
Jules invites Ben to share [her/a/the] pizza after she swipes a couple of beers from the tech fridge.
2. Jules is frustrated because a CEO candidate referred to [her/the] company as a chick site.
3. After asking him about his previous job, Jules realizes (that) Ben used to work in this building.
4. Jules helps Ben (to) set up [his/a] Facebook account.
5. Jules becomes Ben's first friend on Facebook.
6. Jules is grateful (that) Ben gave her [a/the] chance to have an adult conversation with an adult man.
7. A little later, Ben drives Jules home.