

A: How are things at work?

B: It's not too bad. But I hate our office setting.

A: Are you in a cubicle?



B: No. I would be happy with a cubicle. We have 10 desks all in a large room. The supervisor is at one end with a view of everyone.

A: That sucks. You have no privacy.

B: I know. I can't even take a small break because everyone is watching. But that's not the worst part. I can hear everyone talking all day long and it's so distracting.

A: I feel sorry for you.

B: I can't even complain about something to the supervisor because everyone can hear.

A: Why do they have the office set up like that?

B: I'm not sure. Maybe they want to save money, or maybe they think it's more effective.

A: Is anybody in an office?

B: Only the people above the supervisor.

A: Maybe if they got out of their office and worked in the open space they would realize how terrible it is.

B: I guess I'll just have to tolerate it for now.

USEFUL EXPRESSIONS:

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**LET'S TALK**

1. Do you have an office or a cubicle?
2. Is privacy important in an office setting? How important is it?
3. Which one do you prefer, a cubicle or an office?
4. What is the difference between working in an office than working in a cubicle?
5. Describe your office setting in details. Suggest ideas about what are the things that need to be changed.

ACTIVITY

Give the advantages and the disadvantages of each office setting.

