

## INTERMEDIATE UNIT 5

- 1 OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Which speaker is most similar to you?
- 2** Read Pasha's introduction and underline the words in italics that you think he will say. Then watch the video from 0:10–0:29 and check your answers.

Hi. I <sup>1</sup>*'m/m not* a very practical person: I don't like DIY or <sup>2</sup>*fixing/solving* problems with my bike. I do help my friends to sort out their <sup>3</sup>*practical/emotional* problems, though. Today, <sup>4</sup>*'m talking/I'll talk* to people about <sup>5</sup>*resolving/solving* problems. Would you describe <sup>6</sup>*you/yourself* as a practical person?



**Glossary:** *DIY (Do it Yourself)* = doing repairs/decorating your house etc. yourself rather than paying someone else to do it  
*fix* = repair  
*sort out* = deal with/solve

- 3** *Would you describe yourself as a practical person?* Watch the video from 0:29–1:06 and circle the speakers' answers, 1–7.
- 1  Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No  
 2 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No  
 3 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No  
 4 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No  
 5 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No  
 6 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No  
 7 Yes / With some things / Most of the time / No
- 4** *What kinds of problems are you good/not so good at solving?* Read the questions below. Then watch the video from 1:07–2:28 and underline the correct answers.

How many people ...

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| 1 are good at repairing machines that break down?              | <u>One</u> / Two |
| 2 are good at solving interpersonal and emotional problems?    | One / <u>Two</u> |
| 3 aren't good at dealing with their own relationship problems? | One / <u>Two</u> |
| 4 aren't good at solving problems with cars?                   | One / <u>Two</u> |

**Glossary:** *interpersonal* = relationships between people  
*emotional* = related to people's feelings  
*heal a disease* = cure a serious illness

5 Look at the people in the pictures and read their answers. Then watch the video again from 1:07–2:28 and write true (T) or false (F) next to each answer.



Emily

- 1 Emily's not very good at project managing.  F
- 2 She's good at solving other people's problems.



Sarah

- 1 Sarah's husband always packs their luggage when they go on holiday.
- 2 She's very good at helping people who want to change jobs.



Jasmin

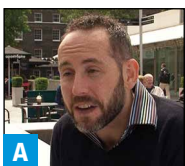
- 1 Jasmin's good at solving problems relating to people.
- 2 She's a psychologist.



Josephine

- 1 Josephine's good at solving a wide variety of problems.
- 2 She's very good at finding her way with a map.

6 If you could have one 'super power', what would it be and why? Look at the people and read their answers. Then watch the video from 2:29–3:17 and match the speakers with the correct answers.



Richard



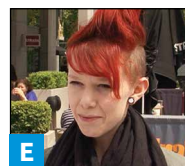
Sarah



Josephine



Keith



Jasmin



Emily



David

Who would like ...

- 1 to know when people are telling the truth?
- 2 to be able to become invisible?
- 3 not to make the same mistakes again?
- 4 to be able to do a lot of things at the same time?
- 5 to help people who are suffering?
- 6 to be able to make everybody into a nice person?
- 7 to know what is going to happen in the financial markets?

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**Glossary:** *invisible* = you can't see the person/thing  
*financial* = related to money

**7 THE WAY WE SPEAK:** The people below talk about what they are good at and the 'super powers' they would like to have. Complete the phrases in *italics* with words from the box, using the definitions in brackets to help you. Then watch the video to check your answers.

done    stuff    be    do    being    because    like    know



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Emily

- 1 Yeah, I do quite a lot of DIY around the house – I've just <sup>1</sup>*done up* (decorated) my flat, so I'm quite 'hands-on'.
- 2 The superpower I would love to have at the moment is <sup>2</sup>*to \_\_\_\_\_ able to* (have the ability to) do ten things at the same time.
- <sup>3</sup>*That's \_\_\_\_\_* (the reason for this is) I've just had a baby so I'm always running around.



B

Richard

- 1 I work for a charity, so I think I'm quite 'solutions-focussed' and I <sup>4</sup>*\_\_\_\_\_ to think* (I believe this but other people might not agree) I'm practical.
- 2 My own problems: <sup>5</sup>*you \_\_\_\_\_*, (to introduce more information or examples) relationships and problems at home and, you know, <sup>6</sup>*the \_\_\_\_\_* (things in general) that you can't avoid.



C

Keith

- 1 Anything <sup>2</sup>*to \_\_\_\_\_ with* (related to) cars or machinery.
- 2 I think it would be something to do with <sup>4</sup>*\_\_\_\_\_ able to* (having the ability to) predict the future of financial markets.

**Glossary:** 'hands-on' = do things yourself rather than talk about it, or ask someone else to do it  
'solutions-focussed' = good at concentrating on finding solutions for problems

**8 PERSONALISATION:** Write *your* answers to the questions.

- 1 Would you describe yourself as a practical person?

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- 2 What kinds of problems are you good at solving?

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- 3 What kinds of problems are you not so good at solving?

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- 4 If you could have one 'super power' what would it be and why?

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