

**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: 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:

**How are things at work?  
I feel so sorry for you.**

## LET'S TALK



- 1) Do you work in an office or in a cubicle?**
- 2) Which do you prefer, a cubicle or an office?**
- 3) Is privacy important in an office setting? How important is it?**
- 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.**