

Pre-Intermediate 3
Unit 5: Dialog
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A Run-in

run-in = quarrel, argument, dispute

Michelle is talking to her friend, Luna, after a run-in with her colleague.

colleague = workmate, co-worker

Michelle's colleague → Rita

Michelle's friend → Luna

Michelle is talking to Luna about Rita.

Luna: What's wrong, Michelle?

Michelle: I can't stand Rita any longer. Either she acts differently or I'll quit.

What's wrong (with you)? = What's the matter (with you)? = What's eating you?

stand = tolerate, put up with, bear

can't stand = hate

any longer = any more

act = behave

quit = give up, resign

either or → used to show a choice of two things

Well, I think she's either Italian or Spanish.

I'm going to buy either the blue one or the red one—I can't decide.

Either he could not come or he did not want to (come).

Luna: What happened this time?

Michelle: Not doesn't she take my suggestion, but she snaps at me all the time.

not only but (also) → used to emphasize that something else is also true

She not only wrote the text but also selected the illustrations.

He not only read the book, but also remembered what he had read.

snap at = argue angrily with

Luna: Don't take things so seriously.

Michelle: I'm just sick and tired of her.

be sick and tired of somebody/something = be fed up with somebody/something

Luna: Why don't you take it up with her directly?

Michelle: I doubt it would do any good. I'm sure she will either cry or scream!

Why don't you take it up with her directly? = Why don't you talk with her face to face about the problem?

I doubt = I'm not sure

cry (1) = shout, yell

cry (2) = weep = be in tears

scream = shriek

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Sample Summary:

In the conversation, Michelle is expressing her frustration to Luna about their colleague, Rita. Michelle is upset because Rita not only disregards her suggestions but also reacts harshly towards her. Despite Luna's advice to confront Rita directly, Michelle is hesitant, fearing that it might lead to an emotional outburst from Rita. Michelle is so frustrated that she is considering quitting if Rita's behavior doesn't change.

Sample Summary:

Michelle is talking to Luna and sharing how upset she is with their coworker, Rita. Michelle feels that Rita ignores her ideas and is often mean to her. Luna thinks Michelle should talk to Rita about it, but Michelle is worried that Rita might get too emotional. Michelle is really annoyed and thinks about leaving her job if Rita doesn't start acting differently.

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