VOCABULARY · EPISODE 205

They Made Me the Boss of People Older Than Me | Juan's Second Year, Chapter 1

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Key words & expressions · English

8 learning entries

Study task: Listen again and notice the expressions you studied.

1

shift supervisor

DEF

A person who manages a team during a particular work shift.

Supervisor describes a role; a shift is a period of work.

Juan became the shift supervisor at the café.

The shift supervisor checked the rota.

2

run a shift

DEF

To manage work and people during a scheduled working period.

Run means manage here, not move quickly.

Dawn asked Juan to run the Saturday shift.

She runs the evening shift at the café.

3

feel outside the room

DEF

To feel excluded from a conversation even when you understand what is said.

Figurative: you may be physically present but unable to join in confidently.

Juan understood almost everything but felt outside the room.

During the meeting, I felt outside the room because I could not contribute.

4

could you

DEF

A polite way to ask someone to do something.

Follow could you with the base form of the verb.

Could you take the glasses to the back?

Could you send me the details?

5

would you mind

DEF

A polite way to ask whether someone objects to doing something.

Use an -ing verb after would you mind; “No, not at all” accepts the request.

Would you mind taking the glasses to the back?

Would you mind closing the window?

6

when you get a chance

DEF

When you have a suitable opportunity or some free time.

Useful for non-urgent tasks; it gives the other person flexibility.

Could you take the glasses back when you get a chance?

Please check my email when you get a chance.

7

be in charge

DEF

To have responsibility for managing a task, team or place.

Often followed by of: be in charge of a shift or a team. It describes responsibility, not a personality.

Juan was in charge of the Saturday shift for the first time.

Who is in charge of the event tomorrow?

8

do you want to

DEF

A question about willingness that can also be used as an indirect request.

Context and tone determine whether it is a genuine choice or a request.

Do you want to take the glasses to the back?

Do you want to help me with the chairs?