

Overview

Watch the video podcast. Which speaker is most similar to you?

1 Read Pasha's introduction and underline the words in italics that you think he will say. Then watch the video podcast from 0:10-0:29 and check your answers.

Hi. I *'m/'m not* a very practical person: I don't like DIY or *fixing/solving* problems with my bike. I do help my friends to sort out their *practical/emotional* problems, though. Today, *I'm talking/I'll talk* to people about *resolving/solving* problems. Would you describe *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

2 Would you describe yourself as a practical person? Watch the video podcast 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

3 What kinds of problems are you good/not so good at solving? Read the questions below. Then watch the video podcast from 1:07-2:28 and underline the correct answers.

How many people...

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

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

5 SOLUTIONS

4 Look at the people in the pictures and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast 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.

5 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 podcast from 2:29-3:17 and match the speakers with the correct answers.



Richard



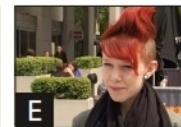
Sarah



Josephine



Keith



Jasmin



Emily



David

Who would like...

- 1 ... to know when people are telling the truth? A
- 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?

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

The way we speak

6 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 podcast to check your answers.



Emily

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



Richard

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



Keith

- 1 Anything ⁷ *to* _____ *with* (related to) cars or machinery.
- 2 I think it would be something to do with ⁸ _____ *able to* (having the ability to) predict the future of financial markets.

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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

Personalisation

7 Write your answers to the questions.

1 Would you describe yourself as a practical person?

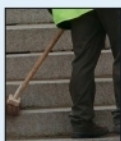
2 What kinds of problems are you good at solving?

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

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



BBC LINK



An invention by a three-year-old boy is hailed as one of the best in the last 10 years.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-derbyshire-11205395>

