

## MLC 2023 WORKSHOP 2

### SCRIPT FOR LISTENING EXERCISE

**SCRIPT:** I've been with ABC Security for about 5 years. My manager, Julio, loves saying that they could fire me and that there is a line around the block of people who want my job. But I don't think he would find too many people willing to put up with this job. People come and go quickly at this place.

I mean they expect us to treat this job like it's the most important thing in the world to us. But if it's so important, how come they only pay us so little it's barely minimum wage?

And Julio sometimes makes me work a double shift two nights in a row. If there's a line around the block for my job, how come we are always so short-staffed?

It's tough to get by, but I have a second job cleaning houses. So even with our low wages, I am able to send some money back to my sick mother. I just wish I had more time off to go see her each year. After 5 years, I only get 10 days of vacation. Plane tickets are so expensive and then to only be able to stay for such a short time is tough.

Even getting management to give us what we deserve is a big fight. I'm still trying to get the company to fix mistakes it made in paying my vacation and holidays from last year!! I think they like holding our money in some bank account somewhere.

Julio makes jokes about my accent and where I am from. Whenever I speak Arabic with my co-workers or on the phone with my wife/husband he tells me to speak English or go back to my country. I wish that I could figure out a way to take him down a notch but nobody on my shift ever wants to do anything.

So I keep my mouth shut and just do my job. I have a friend who works security at another building. The building owner decided to go with a cheaper security company and my friend and his co-workers all lost their jobs.

Anyway, I don't plan to be doing security for the rest of my life. So I just need to keep my head down and get through the day.