English at Work Episode 12: The big day Opening presentations



Narrator: Hello, welcome to the offices of Citrus Ventures! It's a big day for Anna,

she's about to present Tip Top Trading's new Imperial Lemon to Mr Lime

and his colleagues. This must not go wrong.

Anna: ...revoltionary laser-curve... revolUtionary laser-curve... revol-

Narrator: How are you feeling today Anna?

Anna: Scared! I want to do really well. If I mess up and Citrus Ventures doesn't

place an order, I'll be so upset.

Narrator: You're well prepared, that's the main thing. Remember that the beginning

of your presentation is especially important. Explain clearly how your

presentation will be organised.

Anna: OK. Oh dear, I didn't think of the very beginning. Can you give me

examples of what I should say?

Narrator: After you've introduced yourself, you could say:

Today I'm going to... and explain. Then say:

I'll start by...

And then I'm going to move on to discuss...

And finally...

Anna: OK, like this:

Today I'm going to...

I'll start by...

And then I'm going to move on to discuss...

And finally...

Narrator: Exactly.

Anna: Right, thanks, I'll try. Everything will be fine. I feel relaxed now.

Mr Lime: Anna!

Anna: Mr Lime!

Mr Lime: How lovely to see you. You look absolutely... I've been looking forward to

this for days! Everyone is waiting in the meeting room. Come this way....

Anna: Oh gosh.

Mr Lime: Everyone in Citrus Ventures is very excited about this new Imperial Lemon,

so I allowed a few extras to come and watch, I hope you don't mind. All

your equipment has been set up so you can begin!

Anna: Hello, I'm Anna of Top Tip Trading...I mean, Tip Top Trading, sorry!

I'm very unhappy to be here.

Narrator: Anna- focus!

Anna: I mean, I'm very *happy* to be here.

Narrator: Anna, breathe deeply, then say:

Today I'm going to...

Anna: Today I'm going to... Today I'm going to present our revolutionary, new

Imperial Lemon. I'll start by telling you a bit about Tip Top Trading and some of the exciting new developments at our company. And then...I'm going to move on to explain how the Imperial Lemon is designed and what makes it so revolutionary. And finally, you will all have a chance to see it

close up for yourselves and ask questions. So, let's begin. This picture shows...

Narrator: Well, as usual, Anna seems to be turning a difficult situation into a success.

She used the phrases we discussed, which made her opening clear and

well-structured. She said:

Today I'm going to...

I'll start by...

And then I'm going to move on to discuss...

And finally...

But that's just the beginning, now she's got to get through the rest of the

pitch - how will that go?

Anna: ...this picture shows....oh no, why isn't it working...I should just click on

this....oh, what's wrong with this stupid computer!

Narrator: Uh oh! It was all going so well but now Anna's got computer problems.

What is she going to do? We'll find out next time. Bye!

• Listening Challenge

Where is Anna's presentation taking place? The answer is at the end of the pdf transcript.

(Answer: In the meeting room at Citrus Ventures)