

## Socializing 07: Cheering Up Your Co-worker

### Practice 1 | Useful Expressions

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**Directions:** Listen and repeat.

- It happens to the best of us.
- It happens to everyone.
- It happens sometimes.
- What's done is done.
- Let's put it behind us.
- You're doing a great (good/wonderful/incredible/amazing/astounding) job.
- Keep up the good work.
- You can do it.
- You're the best at this.
- There's no one better at it than you.
- Look at the bright side, ...
- Keep it up!
- Liven up!

## Practice 2 | Dialogue

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**Directions:** Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

*Jessie was reprimanded by her boss for doing a lousy job on her last project.*

*Kenny tries to cheer her up.*

**Kenny :** Hey Jessie! I could hear the shouting from over here. What's wrong?

**Jessie :** Kenny... The boss got very upset that I did a poor job on my last assigned project.

**Kenny :** Oh my, I'm sorry to hear that...

**Jessie :** I just had a really tough time with my kids at home and I couldn't concentrate.

**Kenny :** I see... Well, **it happens to the best of us.** I'm sure **you'll do better next time.** **You're the best in the office at what you do.**

**Jessie :** Thanks for the support, Kenny.

**Kenny :** **What's done is done** and **it's better to forget the past.** **It was just a one-time thing** and now you'll continue to do a great job as you always do.

**Jessie :** I suppose so.

**Kenny :** **You're the best,** you know it, I know it and everyone knows it. Even the boss does. Now **cheer up** and let's go drink after hours.

**Jessie :** Thanks, I'd love to. See you after hours.

**Check your understanding:** Answer the following questions.

1. Why was Jessie in a bad mood?
2. Why couldn't she do a good job on her project?
3. What did Kenny suggest to do after hours?

## Practice 3 | Role-Play

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**Directions:** Have a role-play with your teacher in the following situation.

### Situation

Your colleague had a really bad day at work today and you're trying to cheer him up.

### Expressions:

- It happens to everyone.
- Look at the bright side.
- Cheer up and smile!
- You're doing great.
- Don't let it get to you

## Practice 4 | Discussion

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**Directions:** Discuss these topics and exchange thoughts with your teacher.

1. Have you ever had to cheer up a colleague before?
2. Do you like cheering up and encouraging your co-workers?
3. Is your work environment cheerful and friendly or somber and professional? (somber: boring)
4. Do you like being cheered up and encouraged? How?
5. Why do you think some people are better at encouraging than others?