

A Dialogue at Work

Tran and Rosa work at Advance Auto. Rosa works in the warehouse and Tran works on computers. Here is their dialogue:

Tran: Hey Rosa, how's it going?

Rosa: Oh, I'm really beat after working two shifts.

Tran: Two shifts?! Why are you working so many hours? You'll go bonkers doing that.

Rosa: My car is in the shop again. I can't drive that clunker any more—it costs too much money to fix.

Tran: Well, I'm sorry you are so bumped. Hey—what are you doing this weekend? Do you want to go to the beach and catch some rays?

Rosa: No, thanks anyway. I have to work 12 hours on Saturday.

Tran: What a drag, I'm sorry to hear that.

Rosa: Yea, I blew all my money on a date last Friday night.

Tran: What? Why did you spend *your* money? Didn't your date have any money?

Rosa: I don't want to talk about it—he was such a dork. And he wore this really cheesy shirt. I can't believe I went out with him.

Tran: That's too bad.

Rosa: What about you? How are you doing?

Tran: I'm doing great! I love my cushy job. I fix glitches in the company's computers and do a lot of paper work. It's a gravy job.

Rosa: I'd love to have a laid-back job like that. How do I get one?

Tran: Oh, it's no too hard. But you can't goof up or they'll fire you. And you can't wear grubby clothes to the office or the boss will send you home. He really flipped out when I wore my old, grungy jacket to work the other day.

Rosa: Yea, that sounds pretty good, but I don't know if I could be a paper pusher all day. I like to cruise around the warehouse and talk to people. Besides, I know zip about computers.

Tran: Oops—gotta go—my break is over. Later!

Rosa: Yea, I gotta go too. See ya later.

Questions

Answer the following questions in complete sentences:

1. Who is happier, Tran or Rosa? Explain your answer.
2. What do you know about Rosa?
3. What do you know about Tran?
4. Which job do you like better—Tran's job or Rosa's job? Why?