

A PAIN IN THE NECK

The new boss was a pain in the neck. He didn't ask Allan to do a job, and then leave him to get on with it. He would tell Allan to type a report, then stand there and tell him what vacuum cleaner to use. It was ridiculous. The last straw came when Allan asked for an hour off to visit a dentist. The boss told him to go on Saturday. Allan told the boss to go jump in the lake.

Words/expressions:

1. straw - nonsense thing/ideas, annoyance
2. ridiculous - silly, foolish, nonsense
3. pain in the neck - causing trouble/troublesome person

Let's talk:

1. What did the author think of his new boss?
2. Did the boss ask Allan to do jobs, or tell him to do them?
3. Make a question using the words Allan and an hour off.
4. Why was the boss a pain in the neck?
5. What do you think made Allan feel humiliated?
6. When did the boss think Allan should see his dentist?
7. How did Allan finally rebel against the boss?