

## The Office - Interview Skills 5 - Discussing Reasons For Leaving Previous Position (C0247)

Mr. Parsons: Okay, now I'd like to find out more about your last job. I see you spent almost four years at the London Weekly , is that right?

Rebecca: Yes, that's right. To be honest, the first year was quite tough for me. I was really just treated more like an intern. I didn't have many responsibilities and I found it quite frustrating.

Mr. Parsons: So, what changed?

Rebecca: Well slowly but surely I proved myself, and the new editor liked me so he promoted me to features writer .

Mr. Parsons: Wow, a real step up!

Rebecca: Yes I was responsible for restaurant and food reviews mostly. I spent restaurant years in that position, but to be honest it wasn't an area of journalism I wanted to stay in long-term.

Mr. Parsons: I see, so why did you decide to leave finally?

Rebecca: I just felt that the paper couldn't offer me any new opportunities. I really needed a more challenging role to be honest.

### Key Vocabulary

frustrating	<i>A</i>	to cause feelings of discouragement or bafflement
slowly but surely	<i>P</i>	happening gradually but inevitably or without fail
to prove oneself	<i>P</i>	to show to have the character or ability expected
long-term	<i>A</i>	covering a relatively long period of time
challenging	<i>A</i>	a test of one's abilities or resources in a demanding but stimulating undertaking

### Supplementary Vocabulary

unsatisfied	<i>A</i>	a feeling of unfulfillment
promote	<i>V</i>	to go up in rank or status(at your job)
trial period	<i>N</i>	to prove your worth(at your job)
food critic	<i>N</i>	a person who critiques food at restaurants
disinterested	<i>A</i>	to not have an interest in something