

BJEL2013 English for Career Preparation

CW3: Job Interview: Case Study

Martin has been a computer technician at ABC Sdn Bhd for three years. Recently, he voiced out to his wife that he has been going through some issues at work. He has been contemplating if he should report his co-workers to the authorities because:

- His manager and co-workers often use offensive language towards him
- His co-workers always accuse him of posting inappropriate content about his female colleagues on social media
- He is being spat on by his co-workers
- His personal belongings are being thrown into the dustbin by his co-workers

1. What kind of behavior do Martin's manager and co-workers demonstrate to him?
2. How do these issues impact Martin?
3. Do you think Martin should report to the authorities? Why?
4. If were in his position (Martin) what would you do?

Suggested answers

1. What kind of behavior do Martin's manager and co-workers demonstrate to him?
Martin's manager and co-workers bullied and discriminated him at work. This issue could happen due to many reasons – his performance at work, his ethnicity or maybe his manager and co-workers found that Martin is an easy target.
2. How do these issues impact Martin?
These issues could impact Martin psychologically. He may feel too stressed and overwhelmed to go to work and through time it will lead to him not being able to perform well at work.
3. Do you think Martin should report to the authorities? Why?
Yes, Martin should definitely report everything to the authorities as if he does not do so, the bullying will continue. Through reporting them to the authorities, he may be able to be transferred to other departments or branches which will bring an end to the current issues that he is facing.
4. If you were in his position (Martin) what would you do?
If I were Martin, I would resign from the position at the company. Then, I would find another job at a different company. This may give me a fresh start where I can work well and perform at the job.