

SCENE: TWO WORK COLLEAGUES PASS IN THE COFFEE ROOM AT WORK.

DAN:

Hi John, how are you?

JOHN:

Yeah fine.

DAN:

Oh right! I take the time to ask how you are and all I get is a Two word reply?

JOHN:

Sorry, I don't know what else to say. Two words just seemed sufficient.

DAN:

Sufficient?! My question had, what? Five words in it! I think the least you could have done was to go to six words seeing as I took the initiative.

JOHN: (Counts words on fingers)

OK. "yeah I'm fine...er, a bit tired"

DAN:

I don't want to hear your excuses now!

JOHN:

No that's my answer. Six words.

DAN:

Oh right. Well I just thought it was a bit rude. I took the time to ask how you were and you dismiss me with a curt, two word response. How do you think that makes me feel?

JOHN:

I Dunno.

DAN:

You're doing it again!!

JOHN:

Look I'm sorry! Obviously we have different viewpoints on social interaction. I tend to respond with more brevity and you're more, er, long-winded.

DAN:

Long-winded?! I only asked how you were!

JOHN:

You're right. I'm sorry. Is it possible we can just start this conversation all over again?

DAN:

Alright fine. Hi John, how are you?

JOHN:

F**k off!