Podcast Worksheet 7

Interview with Alison Von Dietze on Mike Newell's sexist comments

Damian Fitzpatrick interviews Alison Von Dietze (November 23rd 2006)

Pre-Listening (Background information)

Players/ Managers

Mike Newell is Luton Town's manager in the Championship

A. Listening - vocabulary

Listen to the interview and fill in the gaps with an appropriate word.

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Alison: You're very welcome.

DF: Now, Mike Newell's comments about sexist …sexism rather, I mean, what do you think about them?

Alison: Well, I'm just looking at the picture of him and I don't think he looks like a 50s child, so I wonder how he grew up in today's world with his sad, ***(2)*** _____ views.

DF: Is that right? What kind of advice would you offer him?

Alison: Well, again I'm looking at him and I'm thinking that he doesn't look very ***(3)*** _____ and maybe he actually … perhaps this all stems from deep, personal problems and he might need to face his childhood problems and there might be some unresolved issues with his mother, maybe they need to spend some ***(4)*** _____ time together, maybe he just needs to be loved. He's lashing out at all women in general.

DF: That's a pretty strong comment, now some commentators are saying, well, you know it's not really that important, what do you feel about this?

Alison: Well, I do actually think it is serious and that he should definitely be in trouble. If this were a ***(5)*** _____ attack there's no way that would be tolerated so I think it should be investigated and treated in the same manner. Also for him I think it's very easy to talk about tokenism in a negative manner because he's a successful white ***(6)*** _____ and my belief is that he probably hasn't ever experienced being a ***(7)*** _____ so perhaps he should take time out and get a little bit educated about these kind of issues before ***(8)*** _____ off.

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Alison: You're very welcome.

DF: Now, Mike Newell's comments about sexist …sexism rather, I mean, what do you think about them?
Alison: Well, I'm just looking at the picture of him and I don't think he looks like a 50s child, so I wonder how he grew up in today's world with his sad, ***(2)*** **archaic** views.

DF: Is that right? What kind of advice would you offer him?
Alison: Well, again I'm looking at him and I'm thinking that he doesn't look very ***(3)*** **enlightened** and maybe he actually … perhaps this all stems from deep, personal problems and he might need to face his childhood problems and there might be some unresolved issues with his mother, maybe they need to spend some ***(4)*** **quality** time together, maybe he just needs to be loved. He's lashing out at all women in general.

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Alison: Well, I do actually think it is serious and that he should definitely be in trouble. If this were a ***(5)*** **racist** attack there's no way that would be tolerated so I think it should be investigated and treated in the same manner. Also for him I think it's very easy to talk about tokenism in a negative manner because he's a successful white ***(6)*** **male** and my belief is that he probably hasn't ever experienced being a ***(7)*** **minority** so perhaps he should take time out and get a little bit educated about these kind of issues before ***(8)*** **mouthing** off.

DF: *Alison, thank you very much.*
Alison: You're welcome.