

ESL Conversation Club: Getting a Job

Warm-Up Your Vocal Chords

Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes

Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.
And eyes and ears and mouth and nose.
Head, shoulders, knees, and toes, knees and toes.

Conversation Questions in Groups of 2 People:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Have you ever worked?● At what age do people usually begin to work in your country?● At what age do people usually retire in your country?● At what age would you like to retire?● What do you think you will do after you retire?● What was your first job?● How have working conditions changed in recent years?● How old were you when you got your first job?● If you could own your own business, what would it be?● Is it common for men and women to have the same jobs in your country?● Name three occupations that you could do. Name three occupations that you could never do.● What are some jobs that you think would be boring?● What are some jobs that you think would be fun?● What are some questions that are frequently asked in a job interview? | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● What are you trying to do in order to find a job that you really like?● What does or did your father do for a living? What does or did your mother do for a living? Why did you choose your job?● What kind of volunteer work have you done?● What plans have you made for your retirement?● What would be your dream job?● When you were a child, what job did you want to have when you grew up?● Would you consider the military as a career choice? Why or why not?● Would you consider yourself to be an ambitious person at work?● Would you describe yourself as a workaholic?● Which college courses are required for you dream job?● Is it common for people from your country to have one job for life?● What are the qualities a good boss should have?● What should you not do during a job interview?● Which do you think most people prefer, indoor or outdoor jobs? |
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Vocabulary to Practice

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● A nine-to-five: a term used for a typical office-based job where the working hours are 9am till 5pm.● A stead job: a job that offers constant work and a good income.● Annual leave/holiday: The paid time when a worker is entitled to not attend work.● Benefits: The additional extras that an employer provides aside from salary. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Maternity/Paternity leave: The time that a woman/man takes off from work following the birth of a their child● Minimum Wage: The lowest amount of money an employee can legally be paid● Overtime: Time worked that is additional to what is normal● Part-time: A job that typically involves 20 hours or less per week |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bonus: An additional remuneration given as extra to a normal salary. It is often based on performance. ● Candidates: The people applying for a job vacancy. ● Career: An occupation performed for a large part of someone's life, often with progression and advancement. ● Colleagues: The other people who work with you. ● Commute: The journey to and from work. ● Employer: The person or company that provides a job. ● Employment: Paid work ● Employee: A person performing a job ● Entrepreneur: A person who starts one or multiple businesses ● Full-time: A job that involves working around 40 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Profession: A paid occupation, especially one that involves extensive training and qualifications ● Salary: The money an employee receives for working ● To be dismissed To be fired To get fired To be sacked To get the sack To get the chop To get your P45 To lose your job: to be asked to leave a job, usually because you have done something wrong or badly, or sometimes as a way of saving the cost of employing you. ● To resign To quit To leave your job: to give up a job or position by telling your employer that you are leaving. ● To retire = to leave your job or stop working because of old age or ill health. ● Unemployment: The state of not having a job |
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Next week's topic: Neighborhood