



The World of Work

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1. What is your job? What tasks are you responsible for in your company? What are the most attractive / unattractive points about your job?
2. Do you have to be in contact with foreign people at work?
3. Is English a requisite for your job?
4. What influenced your choice of job?
5. Can you describe a typical day at work? What do you usually do?
6. Is negotiating in English an important part of your job?
7. How important do you think it is to have a routine when working or studying?
8. What three adjectives would describe yourself as a worker? Do you consider yourself an ambitious person / a workaholic?
9. What skills do you need to do your job well?
10. Do you have to travel in your job? If so, tell me about the last business trip you went on. What was good/ bad about it?
11. Do you ever work overtime? If so, do you get paid more for overtime work?
12. Do you work for long hours under stressful conditions? What do you do to relieve stress? What is the most stressful work experience you have ever had to deal with?
13. Have you ever been promoted? If so, how many times have you been promoted? When was the last time you were promoted?
14. Have you ever been relocated? Where was it to?
15. What are your long-term career objectives?
16. Does school really prepare people for the world of work? Do you think it's preparing / has prepared you?
17. Would you do a job you didn't like for a lot of money? If you did that, what problems do you think you'd have?
18. Do you think it is more important to make a lot of money or to enjoy your job? If you had to choose between a satisfying job and a well-paid one, which one would you choose?
19. Do you think some sportsmen e.g. footballers earn too much money? If they earn so much money, should they be role models for the rest of society?



20. Some people say that everyone must get the same salary no matter what the job is, do you agree? If not, why not?
21. If there were a law that said all students over 18 must do a holiday job, would you be happy about it? What are the advantages of working in the school holidays?
22. Do you think companies have to pay for their employees to do sport to keep them fit?
23. What sort of job would you like to do and why?
24. Do you think it's accepted in society now for a man to be a househusband? Would you be prepared to do it?
25. What ratio of work to leisure would be your ideal?
26. Are the people in your country famous for working hard or for having a good social life?
27. What jobs would you most and least like to do?
28. Which age-groups are worst affected by unemployment in your country?
29. What are the causes of unemployment and how is the problem solved in your country?
30. Do women in your country have equality of job opportunities?
31. Do people leave your country to find work in other countries? Where do they go? Why?
32. Are there many migrant workers in your country? If so, what kind of jobs do they do?
33. Do workers in your country pay a lot of income tax to the government? Do people with large salaries pay a much higher rate of tax than other workers? Do you think they should?
34. Do you think that every worker (including doctors, nurses, teachers, the police, ambulance crews and firefighters) should have the right to go on strike?
35. How have working conditions changed in recent years? Do you think that working conditions have improved? If so, in what ways?
36. Which jobs do you think offer the greatest personal satisfaction?
37. Imagine you have a management position, who would you hire, an employee with a lot of experience or an employee with a lot of qualifications? Why?
38. How have "New Technologies" changed the way you work in the last 5-10 years?
39. Would you like to be self-employed or an employee? Why?



40. Have you ever been self-employed? If so, why did you start your own business? If not, would you like to try it? If you could own your own business, what would it be?
41. What are some things that you need to consider when starting your own business?
42. What are the dangers of having your own business?
43. What advice would you give to people starting in business?
44. Is it easy to start a business in your country?
45. What do you know about e-commerce? What advantages can e-commerce offer?
46. Would you found an Internet-based company? Are there any inconveniences of electronic commerce?
47. Which business areas have a bright future, in your opinion?

